

August 1, 2005

Ms. Kathleen E. Shea  
Commissioner  
Cultural Resources  
St. Louis Community Development Agency  
1015 Locust, Suite 1200  
St. Louis, MO 63101

Dear Kate:

At the July meeting of the Benton Park Neighborhood Association, our membership unanimously voted to support the creation of a local Benton Park Historic District with enclosed Historic District Standards. We have been working on these standards for a number of months and have had discussions with both Aldermen Ken Ortmann and Phyllis Young. We understand that the preparation of the petition by Cultural Resources and the hearing of the Preservation Board are the first steps to enact this as legislation. Therefore we are requesting that Cultural Resources proceed with Benton Park as a local historic district with these guidelines.

If there is anything we can do to assist in expediting this process, please let us know. We are anxious to set these protections in place so we do not have any more poster children like 2427 McNair. With the interest in new construction in our neighborhood as well as all the renovation projects on going, we are bound to have similar situations come up in the near future. If we can be of assistance, contact me at 772-7082 or Todd Brandt, Chairman of Historic Building Code Committee, at 409-1437. Thank you for your help in this process.

Very truly,

Gale Ormiston  
President

Attachment

Cc: Ken Ortmann  
Phyllis Young  
Todd Brandt