



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: HLPC

Meeting Date: July 23, 2025

Item Title: Discussion/possible action regarding 2026 goals and 2026 budget.

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

For the 2025 budget, the City allocated \$7,850 into account #100-511421-311 - Planner; Historic Preservation Operating Expenses line item. This line item is intended for operating expenses to help facilitate historic designation and other historic preservation projects that don't have a dedicated account. To-date, \$410.69 has been utilized with no other projects having been identified after the City Hall Local Historic Designation to be completed this year that would utilize this line item. It is common practice for municipalities to adjust budgets according to use. Staff recommends reducing this line item to \$1,000 and adjusting it in future budgets as needed.

It would also be helpful if HLPC could determine its focus in 2026, such as Rest Haven or other landmark preservation, creating new districts, or designating individual properties. Another approach would be to focus on a historic recognition program that would help to tell the history of Columbus by installing plaques or other informational methods. And utilizing the budget is an effective way to do that.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

None

Action Requested of HLPC:

Determine 2026 budget priorities and take action regarding staff recommendation to adjust the amount in account #100-511421-311.