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Hendersonville City Council

City Hall 160 6th Ave. E.

Hendersonville, NC 28792-4328

RE: Future Development and Preservation of Boyd Park

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council Members:

First and foremost, on behalf of the Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC") please allow me to begin with a sincere expression of gratitude to each of you for your previous and continued consideration and recognition of Boyd Park as an historically significant resource within the City of Hendersonville. We appreciate that our Mayor and City Council Members (collectively the "City Council") have already invested a significant amount of time in researching, analyzing, and developing plans for the Boyd Park site that will respect, preserve, and honor the site's unique history and cultural heritage while simultaneously allowing for the very important and necessary development and construction of a new fire station benefiting the City of Hendersonville. This is no easy feat, and we wish to acknowledge and commend your efforts to date.

The HPC believes that the development process is now at a point where further discussions between the HPC and City Council would be mutually beneficial in establishing a final site plan that would identify and reflect the unique historical aspects of Boyd Park while allowing this history to be preserved, documented, and shared with current and future generations while also accommodating the City's plan for new development. In short, creating a plan which honors a resource which has played an important role in the heritage and story of the City's past while looking to its future.

The HPC has the honor and privilege of serving as "the City Council's official historic advisory body to identify, preserve, protect and educate the public about Hendersonville's historic resources" and the object of the HPC "shall be to preserve the historical, prehistorical, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage of the City of Hendersonville" (Article II of the City of Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission Rules of Procedure ("Rules of Procedure") adopted pursuant to Hendersonville

City Code 28-41(d)). It is with this charge in mind that the HPC submits this letter to the City Council as its formal request for additional information on the plans for development of a new fire station projected to be located at Boyd Park and specifically requests further guidance and discussion as to the potential impact of the development plans upon the historical, architectural, and cultural heritage of this historic site.

We do believe that previous meetings and discussions of both the City Council and HPC show that Boyd Park is an important City historical asset within the purview of consideration of HPC and of mutual interest to both groups and our local community. As such, it is pursuant to the HPC Powers within Chapter 28 of the Hendersonville City Code that the HPC seeks to initiate a formal communication with City Council as to the development plans of Boyd Park by “request[ing] assistance, aid, guidance, or advice concerning matters under its purview or of mutual interest.” (Rules of Procedure, Article III, item 3).

Additionally, the ongoing discussions, public conversations, and actions of the City Council make it clear to the HPC that the City Council is actively recognizing and considering the impact of the development plans upon Boyd Park and the protection and preservation of its historical value and attributes. It is our hope that the City Council and HPC can enter into an active dialogue that will facilitate the sharing of pertinent information related to the future of Boyd Park with a shared goal of reaching an agreement that will allow the City Council to move forward with its official objectives, duties, and responsibilities to the community while working with the HPC to ensure the final plan for development will adequately acknowledge, honor and preserve the historical significance of Boyd Park.

We sincerely appreciate the City Council’s time and consideration and look forward to receiving your response.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hendersonville Historic Preservation Commission

By: Cheryl M. Jones, Chair