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TO: Christina Montague, Chair
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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Mark J. McFadden, Director
Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission

DATE: September 6, 2000

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Historic District
Study Committee to evaluate the Milton Geer House for Historic
District status

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

That the Board of Commissioners appoint individuals recommended by the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission to a Study Committee to evaluate the Milton Geer House for the purpose of nominating the property for Historic District status.

BACKGROUND

The Milton Geer House property is located at 8605 West Ann Arbor Road in Superior Township. It consists of the 1884 Italianate Geer house and a few outbuildings. Milton Geer was the second son of Watson Geer, son-in-law of Esek Pray. Pray was one of the first settlers in the area and became prominent as a successful farmer, justice of the peace and state senator, and as the patriarch of a family that married into all the surrounding families and farms. If approved, the Milton Geer House would join the Esek Pray House, which is in the final stages of becoming an historic district.

DISCUSSION

The current owners of the property approached Superior Township to have the property listed as a historic district. Superior Township has asked the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, through the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, to conduct this work on their behalf.

Under the Michigan Historic Districts Act (P.A. 169 of 1970, as amended in 1992), a historic district study committee must be established to evaluate the property and determine if it meets criteria to be included in a historic district. Also under P.A. 169, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish such a committee.

The Washtenaw County Historic District Commission recommends that the following individuals be appointed to the Esek Pray House Historic District Study Committee: H. Scott Diels, Glenn & Jeanine Miller, Marnie Paulus, Louisa Pieper, Grace Shackman, Nancy Snyder, Jane Van Bolt, Kay Williams, and Susan C. Wineberg.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES

None

IMPACT ON THE BUDGET

None

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This request conforms with County Policy

ATTACHMENTS

None

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE MILTON GEER HOUSE PROPERTY FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT STATUS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 6, 2000

WHEREAS, the property located at 8605 West Ann Arbor Road (Milton Geer House) in Superior Township has potential to be nominated as a historic district; and

WHEREAS, Superior Township has asked the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners via the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission to have the property listed as a historic district; and

WHEREAS, under Michigan's Historic Districts Act (P.A. 169 of 1970, as amended in 1992), a historic district study committee must be established to evaluate the property and determine if it meets criteria to be included in a historic district; and

WHEREAS, under P.A. 169, the County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish such a historic district committee; and

WHEREAS, as dictated by law, the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission is presenting a list of nominees to serve on this historic district committee; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission recommends that the following individuals be appointed to the Milton Geer House Historic District Study Committee: H. Scott Diels, Glenn & Jeanine Miller, Marnie Paulus, Louisa Pieper, Grace Shackman, Nancy Snyder, Jane Van Bolt, Kay Williams, and Susan C. Wineberg;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Milton Geer House Historic District Study Committee:

H. Scott Diels
Glenn & Jeanine Miller
Marnie Paulus
Louisa Pieper
Grace Shackman
Nancy Snyder
Jane Van Bolt
Kay Williams
Susan C. Wineberg;