

**Washtenaw County Historic District Commission**  
**STAFF REPORT**  
**October 2009**

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**1) CLG Grant**

No new developments to report. Staff is holding back on issuing an RFP for the historic property rehabilitation master plan portion of this project, pending County Budget decisions set to be made in October or November.

**2) USS Washtenaw County**

The committee, led by Commissioner Elmer White, met immediately preceding the September HDC meeting. They approved the exhibition proposal presented in August by James Leacock of Multiform Studios. The preferred location for the case is at 200 N. Main Street, in Ann Arbor, which has been confirmed by Washtenaw County Facilities. The committee has commenced efforts to raise a goal amount of \$7500, to fund the new exhibition case.

**3) HDC Brochure**

Thanks to Commissioner Alice Ralph, who has agreed to take over this project and provide final document revisions.

**4) Budget Situation**

The County Board of Commissioners continues to debate recommendations received from County Administration on September 16. The status of the County Budget, or its impact on the Office Strategic Planning, remains unknown. We are expecting elimination of the Office of Strategic Planning and many services to its boards and commissions (including the HDC). We also may see the reconfiguration of some current functions of the Office of Strategic Planning under a new office/program. Staff has composed a memo for consideration by department heads and County Administration urging the County to stop short of eliminating the HDC. As discussed at the August and September HDC meetings, we have the potential to lose all 12 local historic districts, access to Federal grant dollars, and Certified Local Government status (a distinction held since 1984). Thanks to the HDC Commissioners for their concern and support during this time of uncertainty for many Washtenaw County programs and services.

Respectfully Submitted,



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