

# LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146

January 11, 2018

Dear Mayor Karnes and City Council,

Over the past several years, the Lincoln Park Historical Commission has been evaluating our options regarding the operational funding of the historical museum. The city was unable to continue its financial support for the museum beginning in 2013, when the city entered into Emergency Management status. Understandably, with the dire financial situation facing the city, the museum became a low priority concern. While being without its long-established funding, the historical commission also found itself without counsel on how to best proceed. Since that time, we were successful in pursuing temporary funding from the city's Downtown Development Authority, with additional help from the Historical Society. The DDA has been extremely helpful – and generous – in funding the museum's operations these past several years.

However, after the current fiscal year, which ends in June, the DDA is unable to continue their level of support. The city-appointed Historical Commission has been a municipal entity now for over 40 years, charged during this time with overseeing the museum and its assets, as per Chapter 272 of the City of Lincoln Park Municipal Code. We now seek from you advice and counsel as to how best to proceed.

We request a meeting with the Mayor and Council at a convenient time to further discuss this matter. We would also like to invite members of the Board of the Historical Society to be a part of this conversation.

While we know well that the City of Lincoln Park has continued to provide great moral support to the historical museum, we hope that a solution to our financial outlook can be found by working together; a solution that will keep us financially solvent today and into the future.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Jim Goodell

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