

Yesterday and Today

1983

HISTORIC CITY of JEFFERSON
Celebrating 25 Years

2008

Mark Your CALENDAR

January

Nominating Committee
Oral History Committee

February

Recognition Committee

March 28 - Friday

Annual Membership
Dinner Meeting
Grace Episcopal
Church, 217 Adams

April

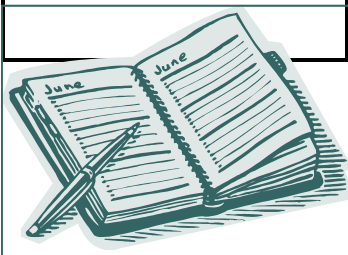
City Election—
Council Members

May

Heritage Month

June 1 - Sunday

Home Tours
on west side of town



2007 REVIEW

Year of intense work on the West McCarty issue with some major disappointments in the process but a lot of community support in the effort.

We did have some successes of which to be reminded.

- Annual meeting speaker Gary Kremer was a highlight and election of President elect, Steve Veile, and 4 new board members.
- HCJ website launched and Powerpoint program provided for groups
- National Heritage month in May, art and essay contest for students, Historic Preservation Commission recognized historic buildings
- June another fund raiser home tour on Moreau Drive and Vineyard Square was well attended and very successful
- July canceled ice cream social to focus on West McCarty issues and attend more council meetings, rally members to call councilmen
- August finished exterior renovation of 1102 E. McCarty building and listed for sale
- Planned Zion Church revival and auction for fall event but due to conflicts it was canceled and is rescheduled for September 28, 2008
- October HCJ co sponsored statewide Missouri Alliance for Preservation conference in JC and provided tours for attendees
- Convention and Visitors Bureau moved to historic downtown location, 100 E. High. HCJ presented wall mural by Mary Ann Hall for conference room as gift on loan.
- Purchased equipment to further HCJ community outreach with visual presentations and to begin recording oral histories

A year to learn from and move on.

Looking Back Moving Forward

Plans for the 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting

A special program is being planned for the annual membership meeting to celebrate the HCJ silver anniversary. Our theme is "**Looking Back, Moving Forward**". A retrospective visual show will be presented highlighting the many activities and people that have been a part of HCJ's growth through the 25 years.

The evening will start at 5:30 with a social hour before the dinner and program. The menu has yet to be determined. An invitation with the menu and a registration form to make your reservations will be sent out in a couple weeks. For now we just want to make sure you mark your calendar for **Friday, March 28** and plan to come. The dinner meeting will be held at the **Grace Episcopal Church, 217 Adams**.

Three positions on the HCJ board need to be voted on at the annual meeting. At this time we have no board nominees to announce. Steve Veile will be elected as President.

Sally Sprague is moving to Kansas City this spring and has resigned. In her brief time on the board, Sally brought creative and constructive ideas to further HCJ's goals. She will be missed. Good luck to Sally and Hugh in their new home.

Bob Herman has stepped down but continues to provide consultation on the Finance Committee. Bob and Bobbie participate wholeheartedly in HCJ activities whenever they can.

Mark Schrieber resigned for health reasons and pressing family issues. We wish him well and hope he can participate again in the future.

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..... Tell Your Story

The **Oral History Committee** is looking forward to recording both orally and visually the memories of long time Jefferson City residents. Our hope is to learn childhood "secrets," memories of how people spent their leisure time, the early days of local businesses, church and school activities. We want to capture Jefferson City as it emerged and developed in the 20th century. To meet our goal, we have purchased recording equipment and are developing a list of interviewees. If you have suggestions for people to be interviewed, please contact committee chair **DJ Nash** at **636-8558** or djnash@embarqmail.com. Start up members of the committee are HCJ past president Jerrold Scarlett, president-elect Steve Veile and Janet Maurer. Share your thoughts with them as well!



1102 East McCarty

This fall some major work was done on the front door and the cracked walls and ceilings in the front room. The walls were painted to brighten the entry. The roof on the garage was completed and the back yard was cleaned up. This spring we will do some more painting in the rooms as we continue to work on cosmetic touches to help with the potential sale.

The house was listed in August at \$75,000. The real estate market has been slow. The sale price has now been lowered to \$64,900. With almost 3000 sq. ft. in this building there is room for an office with living quarters for some adventuresome entrepreneur.

The **Eastside Neighborhood Development Association (ENDA)** met on Thursday, January 3, 2008. Melva Fast, Assistant to the Administrator for the City of Jefferson, spoke to our group regarding the upcoming cycle for using funds the city receives from HUD through the Community Block Grant program. **ENDA** members are very interested in getting positive results from the Community Block Grant funding that the City of Jefferson spends in our area.

The areas where **ENDA** would like to see the block grant money spent are:

1. Putting sidewalks, curbs and guttering on the Eastside.
2. Encouraging homeowners to buy and renovate older homes in the Eastside's "inner core" for single family residences.
3. Developing programs that partner with other groups, such as church groups, to encourage them to rehabilitate older homes on the Eastside.
4. Improving street lighting on the Eastside.

In regard to #1 above, **ENDA** members recommended that the city put new curbs, gutters and sidewalks in the 300 block of Ash St. We discussed how the new development in that area, Prison Brews, along with new sidewalks, curbs and gutters would be an excellent example of a revitalized block in this previously blighted area. It would also encourage more progress in parts of that block that continue to be run down. We also discussed the potential for the same approach on East Capitol Ave. New sidewalks, curbs and guttering on East Capitol Ave would again enhance development that has already taken place and highlight the potential for investment in this area. We also discussed the desirability for putting historical lighting on East Capitol Ave., similar to what we see in downtown Jefferson City.

One of our members who could not attend the meeting had asked that we let the city know one topic that we frequently discuss at **ENDA** meetings is neighborhood safety. She pointed out that the street improvements on Pine St., which included sidewalks, curbs and gutters, between East Capitol Ave. and East High St., have improved the safety of that area a great deal.

An article in the Jefferson City News Tribune dated December 3, 2007 discussed a program in University City that provides a financial incentive to city employees to buy older homes to renovate and live in. This is one approach to #3 in the above list of things we discussed.

ENDA's next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the Jefferson City Community Center, located on Dunklin St., near the intersection of Lafayette and Dunklin.

Return of the Missing Mural



Artist 1985 Preliminary Sketch

In 1985 the building at 100 E. High Street had been renovated by Darrel Dunafon for offices and a popular restaurant, Taco Bell. Mary Ann Hall was commissioned to complete a wall mural for the second floor restaurant seating area. Instead of painting directly on the wall, she suggested the artwork be done as a large piece that could be moved if necessary and thus not lose the artwork when the purpose of the building changed. Little did they know how many times that piece of artwork would be moved and to where. This is the story of the traveling mural.

This 4'x 8' mural called **Second Story High** depicts the entire 100 block of E. High starting with the building on the corner which now houses the new offices of the JC Convention and Visitors Bureau. The view looks East down the block to where the bank clock stands. When the artwork was done in 1985 the top of the Lohman Opera House had not been renovated and was just a plain brick façade.

Four smaller pieces depicting the **Hope Mercantile Building, Monroe Building, Merchant Bank and the Lohman House** were created at the same time to hang in the building also. The pieces were all framed the same with the light oak used in the renovation of the building. The mural and the companion pieces hung in the downtown building for 15 years.

In 2000 Dunafon sold the building to the Missouri Optometric Association. Two of the smaller pieces remained in the building and were hung in offices of the association. The large mural and two of the other smaller pieces were moved to another building at 612 E. Capitol Ave. which Dunafon renovated. Those three pieces of artwork remained as part of the sale of the property to Gaslight Realty. The mural and the other two smaller pieces hung in the realtors offices.

Two or three years passed when the building went up for sale again. Mary Ann made an inquiry about what would happen to the mural but it had disappeared from the realtors office. It was rumored to be stored in someone's basement but no one seemed to know where that was. In the meantime the E. Capitol Ave. property changed hands again. A year passed before Mary Ann decided to pursue the search for the mural. Phone calls to the Gaslight Realty in Columbia hinted that the mural might have been moved there but again no one knew where. An 8 foot mural lost?

Contact was finally made with the owner of the realty company who indicated the mural was there in his office. The mural of downtown Jefferson City was of no interest to him. The owner offered to sell it and wondered what it was worth. As far as the artist was concerned it was invaluable and needed to be returned to Jefferson City where it belonged. Some kind of agreement with no exchange of money needed to be made. As President of Historic City of Jefferson, Mary Ann suggested a donation to the organization would benefit the realtor and get the mural out of his office.

In 2005 the realtor agreed to donate the mural to HCJ. It was picked up from the Columbia office and brought to Stonehawk Studio for Mary Ann to clean it and update the streetscape. Trees were moved, light posts and benches added as well as a change in the entire lighting of the scene from day time to the glow of dusk. The ornate top of the Lohman Opera House now dominates the city skyline.

What started out 22 years ago in downtown Jefferson City has been returned to the same building for citizens and visitors to again enjoy. You are welcome to go in the CVB office anytime and see the mural and two of the other smaller pieces in their conference room.

There are still two of the smaller pieces missing. Hopefully someday they may also be returned.