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CULTURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
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Date: January 22, 2007
To: City of St. Louis Preservation Board
From: Andrea Gagen, Preservation Planner, Cultural Resources Office
Subject: Nomination to the National Register for the Missouri Athletic Club Building
Address: 409 Washington Avenue **Ward: 7**



Owner:

Missouri Athletic Club

Preparer:

Landmarks Association of St. Louis

Purpose:

To review a single-site nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Recommendation:

The Preservation Board should direct the staff to prepare a report for the State Historic Preservation Office that the Building meets the requirements of National Register Criterion A in the area of Social History and Criterion C in the area of Architecture.



1.0 Proposal

To nominate the Missouri Athletic Club Building to the National Register of Historic Places.

2.0 Background

On December 12, 2006 the Director of the Cultural Resources Office received a request from the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office (MO-SHPO) for the Preservation Board to review a National Register nomination prepared at the request of the building owner.

3.0 Site and Surrounding Area:

The building is located at 409 Washington Avenue at the intersection of Washington Avenue and 4th Streets. The building is located in the Downtown neighborhood, with a mix of residential and commercial uses in the surrounding buildings.

4.0 Reasons for Application:

The State Historic Preservation Office is required under the National Historic Preservation Act to submit all nominations for buildings within the City to the Preservation Board for review and comment, prior to presenting them before the Missouri Advisory Council and the Department of the Interior.

5.0 Relevant Legislation

Section 101(c)(2)(A) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 (amended)

Before a property within the jurisdiction of the certified local government may be considered by the State to be nominated to the Secretary for inclusion on the National Register, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall notify the owner, the applicable chief local elected official and the local historic preservation commission. The commission, after reasonable opportunity for public comment, shall prepare a report as to whether or not such property, in its opinion, meets the criteria of the National Register.

6.0 Community Consultation

As of this date, the Cultural Resources Office has received no comment concerning the nomination from local organizations, community groups or Alderwoman Young.

7.0 Comments

The Missouri Athletic Club is clearly eligible for the National Register under Criterion A in the area of Social History and Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The 10-story Renaissance Revival building, designed in 1915 by prominent St. Louis architect, William B. Ittner, in partnership with George F.A. Brueggemann, was commissioned by the Missouri Athletic Club and continues to serve the club today. The Missouri Athletic

Club was the first and only businessmen's amateur athletic club in St. Louis and one of the first in the nation to open.

8.0 Conclusion

The Preservation Board should direct the staff to prepare a report to the State Historic Preservation Office that the Building clearly meets the Criteria for the National Register.

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