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John Hamilton
Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation Department
P.O. Box 37280
Louisville, KY 40233

Re: Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges (LSIORB) Historic Preservation and Enhancement Fund (HPEF) Grant Application for the Butchertown Streetscape Project, 1531 Story Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206

Mr. Hamilton,

As you are aware, the Kentucky Heritage Council and Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology have completed review of six grant proposals received for the second round of competitive grants to be awarded under the LSIORB/HPEF grant program, including one for the Butchertown Streetscape/Story Avenue Park Project. The project outlined in the grant application is eligible to receive funding as stipulated in paragraph II.B.2 of the LSIORB Settlement Agreement.

This project has been proposed in six phases: Phase I – Construction of a reclaimed masonry and wrought-iron fence to define the streetscape and provide safety for users; Phases II, III and IV – Relocation of salvageable park furnishings, walking path construction linking Story Avenue and Washington Street, reconstruction of the Washington Street entry and associated parking, demolition and reconstruction of a basketball surface, and installation of new park furnishings; Phase V – Installation of trees and shrubs to act as a buffer and provide shade; and Phase VI (not included in the grant proposal) – Construction of a walking path following acquisition of adjacent tracts.

The Kentucky Heritage Council is pleased to inform you that \$76,721 is being made available to fund the proposed Butchertown Streetscape/Story Avenue Park Project. Based on the information provided (not including 15% contingency), this will fund most of the construction cost for both the Story Avenue and Washington Street entryways, as well as the main entrance wall and features of the main entry into the park from Story Avenue, all of which make up the actual streetscape portion of the project. While some of the other park features are desired amenities, including benches, water fountains, picnic tables, basketball court, etc., strictly speaking these do not constitute elements of a streetscape and were not funded at this time.

Fortunately, this project has widespread support from neighborhood residents, local businesses, the Butchertown Neighborhood Association and your Metro Council representative as well as a commitment by Metro Parks and Recreation and Louisville Metro government to assist with various elements of the

project. This support is also evident in the recent Story Avenue streetscape improvements to tree wells and vegetation undertaken by the Metropolitan Sewer District. Finally, the comprehensive vision for the park created in partnership with the University of Louisville Urban Design Studio reflects the interest by the community to recapture and renew the vibrancy and beauty of this historic park for pedestrians, bicyclists, residents and other visitors alike.

Please contact me at your convenience to receive instructions on requesting LSIORB/HPEF Grant funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Potts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Craig A. Potts
Kentucky Heritage Council Executive Director
and State Historic Preservation Officer