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To: Legal & Finance Committee Members

From: Jerry Cole, Parks and Recreation Director 

Subject: Proposed Move of "Pap" Madison Cabin

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The "Pap" Madison Cabin has been located in Halley Park since 1926 and during that time has been used as a museum and storage for hoses and other equipment used to irrigate the park area. Irrigation was installed in Halley Park in 2006 and nothing has been stored in the cabin since that time. It is currently empty and is kept locked.

In August, 2007 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board considered a proposal from Ray Summers, Director of The Journey Museum to move the cabin from its current location in Halley Park to a site at The Journey Museum. Several concerns were expressed by the Advisory Board at that time including possible damage to the structure during the move and the negative impact to Halley Park once the structure is gone. Representatives from The Journey Museum stated that it was their intention to have a structural inspection done of the cabin, including the roof and fire place. To date we have not seen the results of that inspection.

In summary, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to recommend approval of the move. Before the cabin is moved the Parks and Recreation Department would like to see an inspection report for the structure and a plan detailing the move to the Journey Museum site. We would also like a commitment from representatives of The Journey Museum to work with the City to rehabilitate the area in Halley Park which will be vacated.

Should the Legal & Finance Committee need additional information, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is available for further review.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.