



## Harry Whiting Brown Community Center

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To: Glendale Planning Committee  
Re: Glendale Performance Pavilion  
Date: December 18, 2012

The following is a response to the Glendale Planning Committee's various questions and requests, including for a "Basic Data Package" of information about our proposed Glendale Performance Pavilion. In addition, we welcome the chance to address other questions raised about the project.

### **Introduction**

Seeing an unmet need in Glendale a few short years ago, a committee of dedicated, community-minded Glendale residents launched a campaign to plan and raise funds for a "Front Porch Pavilion" performance stage and shelter to be built on the grounds the Harry Whiting Brown Community Center. The Pavilion is planned to be a three-season structure supporting the existing programming of HWB and enable an even wider range of cultural activities that could include the Summer Concerts on the Green, plays, family movies, lectures, poetry readings, comedy nights, festivals, and even weddings and receptions if desired. The pavilion mimics the front porches of the surrounding beautiful historic homes that are a signature of Glendale, and compliments the recent upgrades to our Village Square. Area businesses can all benefit from the residents and guests who congregate in our village center for programs at the Pavilion.

### **Harry Whiting Brown Community Foundation Background**

HWB is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural and artistic endeavors in our community. HWB is run by a Board of Trustees consisting entirely of Glendale residents. HWB currently has twenty Trustees, led by an Executive Committee consisting of Kevin Wilhelm (President), Tara Maddock (Vice President), Marla Varmuza (Treasurer), and Steve Wurzelbacher (Secretary). HWB has a number of committees that report to the Board of Trustees – each committee has multiple Trustees as members, plus can have other non-Trustee members.

At our 10/16/2012 meeting, the Board of Trustees of HWB voted unanimously to continue the Front Porch Pavilion project. We understand that building the pavilion will bring increased responsibilities, including financial. The program will not move forward until we are confident that the pavilion's construction and a yearly maintenance budget are fully funded.

Finally, HWB, much like the Village, must make decisions each year about how to stay financially solvent while continuing to serve the community of Glendale. Through successful fundraising and smart spending decisions over the past five years, HWB has maintained a

healthy operating budget and account balance. Through the support of our volunteers and generous community donations, we continue to bring additional events and property improvements only as our finances allow.

**Other information necessary to address the remaining items within the Basic Data Package of code section 154.61 in title XV**

- Existing site drawing with elevations, land contours, existing buildings drawn to scale and more have been prepared by Addison Clipson, architect, and are provided for review.
- There are no plans to trim, remove, or add any trees as part of this project.
- Plumber Jim Eckhoff has traced out the location of the existing sanitary sewer and used a camera to inspect it. He has submitted a bid for moving the existing sewer and we are waiting for a second bid. Construction will not proceed until the sewer is moved around the planned location of the Pavilion.
- The Pavilion will be built on the existing concrete slab with no plans to modify or add walkways or drives. After building the pavilion, we'll ensure the landscaping around it is appropriate.
- No new parking is planned, as the parking remains the same as for HWB events in the past, including Sharon Road, Willow Avenue, and the municipal parking lot near the police station.
- The Pavilion committee engaged the services of Jerome O'Dowd who performed a title and easement search back to 1901, and found no easements or title issues with the HWB property in Glendale.

Feel free to ask any of us additional questions prior to the 1/7/13 meeting.

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President

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Glendale Front Porch Pavilion Chair

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