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**1st Public Meeting: Amendment #24 to Initial Disaster Recovery Round - I Action Plan for the City of Joplin**

**Date: December 19th, 2024** **Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm** **Place: Minnie Hackney Community Center, 110 S Main St 64801**

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January 24, 2025

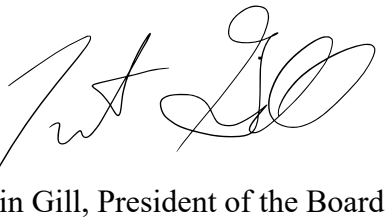
Dear City of Joplin,

Over the last eight years, the North Heights Neighborhood Group has worked together to develop a closer knit community of neighbors in north Joplin. Some of our efforts have included revitalization efforts, such as restoration of the few remaining brick sidewalks and bringing attention into our neighborhood for the beautiful historic homes through our annual Porchfest.

Both projects have emphasized to our organization the need for better sidewalks in our part of the city. For a number of years we have looked for ways to partner with homeowners, businesses, and non-profits to address this issue, but we have not be able to find an adequate solution ourselves. One of the best features about our part of Joplin is the historic walkability that our neighbors and families get to enjoy. Sadly, the deterioration of our sidewalks has led to less mobility for residents and sometimes even accidents requiring medical attention.

The North Heights Neighborhood Group fully supports the City of Joplin amending the Disaster Recovery Plan to allow for the remaining disaster funds to be spent in census track 110 to help the sidewalk replacement program. This would be a great investment in north Joplin. Thank you for all the work and dedication for such community development in our city!

With much appreciation,



Justin Gill, President of the Board of Directors

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Thomas Walters
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Sincerely,

Vladimir and Christun Bucevac
405 South Moffet Avenue
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Lauri A. King  Michael J. King

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Carlos and Johana Rodriguez.
102 South Moffet Avenue
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*Jose Carlos Rodriguez*
**Johana J Rodriguez**

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Sincerely,
Mary Anne Phillips & Jim Scott
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118 S Moffet Avenue
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December 20, 2024

Thomas Walters
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Dear Mr. Walters:

On behalf of the property owners in the Murphysburg Residential Historic District, located in *Census Tract 110*, we express our strong support for Amendment #24 of the above referenced HUD grant. The district is generally from 1st to 7th Streets on Sergeant, Moffet, and (partially) Byers Avenues.

The property owners in the historic district urgently require assistance with costly repairs needed for our over 120-year-old sidewalks. Many of the most deteriorated sidewalks are adjacent to homes owned by residents aged 50 to 87, who face significant challenges due to the condition of these walkways.

Additionally, we would like to highlight the restoration of two historic properties: the *Charles Schifferdecker House* (circa 1890) at 422 S. Sergeant Avenue and the *Edward Zelleken House* (circa 1893) at 406 S. Sergeant Avenue. These homes, which will open to the public as living history museums in 2025, are key landmarks in the Murphysburg Historic District. Once operational, they will draw visitors from local, regional, national, and international locations to Joplin. Ensuring these visitors---and our local community---have safe, walkable, handicapped-accessible sidewalks will be critical.

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Chris Ferguson, Board President

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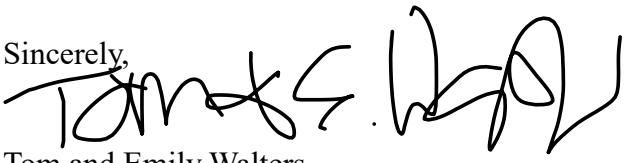

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Wayne and Kate Stephenson
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I get around most places with a cane, as I have severe neuropathy in my arms and legs, plus I broke my hip in 2023. Consequently, I am aware of safety, accessibility, and trip hazard issues with the neighborhood sidewalks that are cracked and severely uneven.

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Shannon Bruffett

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