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SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC BUILDINGS

City limits scope of new survey

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Springfield city leaders for several months have talked about starting a new survey of historic buildings — updating a document last compiled in 1986.

Earlier this year, the City Council set aside \$30,000 from the previous year’s carryover budget to update portions of the survey. Because updating the entire survey would be too costly, city leaders, with guidance from city staff, decided to focus on updating the Walnut Street and Commercial Street historic districts.

At a March Plans and Policies Committee meeting, staff noted that the survey process has been revised since 1986 and the update would allow for a better understanding of the current state of older buildings. Collin Quigley, who at the time was interim city manager, said with nearly 30 years passed, there could

be several buildings that may not have qualified as historic then but could now. But during a committee meeting on Sept. 10, Planning & Development Director Steve Childers presented a new proposal that would reverse that plan.

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Commission split on University Heights plan



A group of University Heights residents attend the Springfield Planning & Zoning Commission meeting Sept. 11 on the latest iteration of the request to rezone the corner of National Avenue and Sunshine Street.

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Vote on latest rezoning attempt a 4-4 tie

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As the latest attempt to rezone the northwest corner of National Avenue and Sunshine Street came before the Springfield Planning & Zoning Commission, the vote came the closest to approval since developers first pitched their plans in 2022.

Commissioners were split down the middle in a 4-4 vote at its Thursday, Sept. 11, meeting as developers asked to rezone eight lots from residential to office use. Plans for the corner have changed several times over the course of three years. In the newest version, developers with Be Kind & Merciful have cut back

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An empty lot at Sunshine Street and National Avenue is seen on Sept. 5.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE



David Feherty, a former professional golfer turned acclaimed broadcaster and bestselling author, will speak this fall on the Missouri State campus. PROVIDED BY MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

5 speakers stand out this year

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Humorist and former professional golfer David Feherty will open Missouri State University’s 22nd annual Public Affairs Conference with a talk the evening of Sept. 16.

Feherty’s keynote speech, and the rest of the conference, is free and open to the public.

This year’s theme is “Resilient People, Resilient Future.”

“Our focus on resilience is timely because of the constant and unpredictable challenges we face. Resilience is not just about bouncing back, but moving forward,” said Tina Liang, public affairs fellow, conference chair and professor in the School of Hospitality and Agricultural Leadership, in a news release.

“Open conversations about resilience help people adapt, maintain well-being, reduce stigma around struggles and build the flexibility

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