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Mr. Steve Driscoll
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Mr. Driscoll:

As representative of the Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, I am requesting that an item be added to the September 22, 2014 City Council meeting agenda relating to saving Last Chance Joe. We have been asked to take on the effort to save this Sparks iconic landmark and understand that there are currently monetary pledges totaling about \$24,000. We understand that more recent estimates of the cost of moving Last Chance Joe are in the range of \$35,000 to \$40,000 rather than the original estimate of about \$60,000. We are willing to head up an effort to raise the additional funds necessary to relocate Last Chance Joe from the Nugget to the front of 820 Victorian Avenue, one of the Museum's two buildings leased from the City of Sparks.

For purposes of the agenda item, and with the proviso that the additional funds necessary can be found, we are requesting Council's approval for the following:

- Permission to install Last Chance Joe on the exterior front of the City-owned building, currently leased to the Museum at 820 Victorian Ave.
- Waiver of City permit fees for any and all permits needed to accomplish the relocation of Last Chance Joe.
- Permission to go forward with the project with the understanding that the project will go forward only after sufficient funds are obtained, i.e., the Museum will not commit its current funds (we are willing to be the non-profit organization that receives donations restricted to the Last Chance Joe project with appropriate IRS compliant letters of acknowledgement of the donation to the donors for their potential use as a Federal tax deduction).

We understand that when this project is completed, the ownership of Last Chance Joe will transfer to the City of Sparks rather than the Museum since it will be attached to the City's building.

Please let me know if this agenda item is added to the September 22nd City Council meeting so that we can be present to answer any questions that the Mayor and Council members may have.

Thank you.

Regards,

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