ST. CHARLES SINCE 1834	**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**	Agenda Item number: IA
	Title:	Presentation of a Recommendation to Approve the Historic Walking Tour of Downtown St. Charles as Presented by the Downtown St. Charles Partnership and the St. Charles History Museum.
	Presenter:	Jenna Sawicki, Executive Director

Meeting: City Council		Date: June 4, 2017
Proposed Cost: $	Budgeted Amount: $	Not Budgeted: ☐

Executive Summary (*if not budgeted please explain*)**:**

The Historic Walking Tour of Downtown St. Charles was presented at the May 21, 2018 City Council meeting. At the time of the presentation it was decided that it should be brought to the June 4, 2018, City Council meeting for a formal vote.

Attachments (*please list*)**:**
Presentation Slides

Recommendation/Suggested Action (*briefly explain*)**:**
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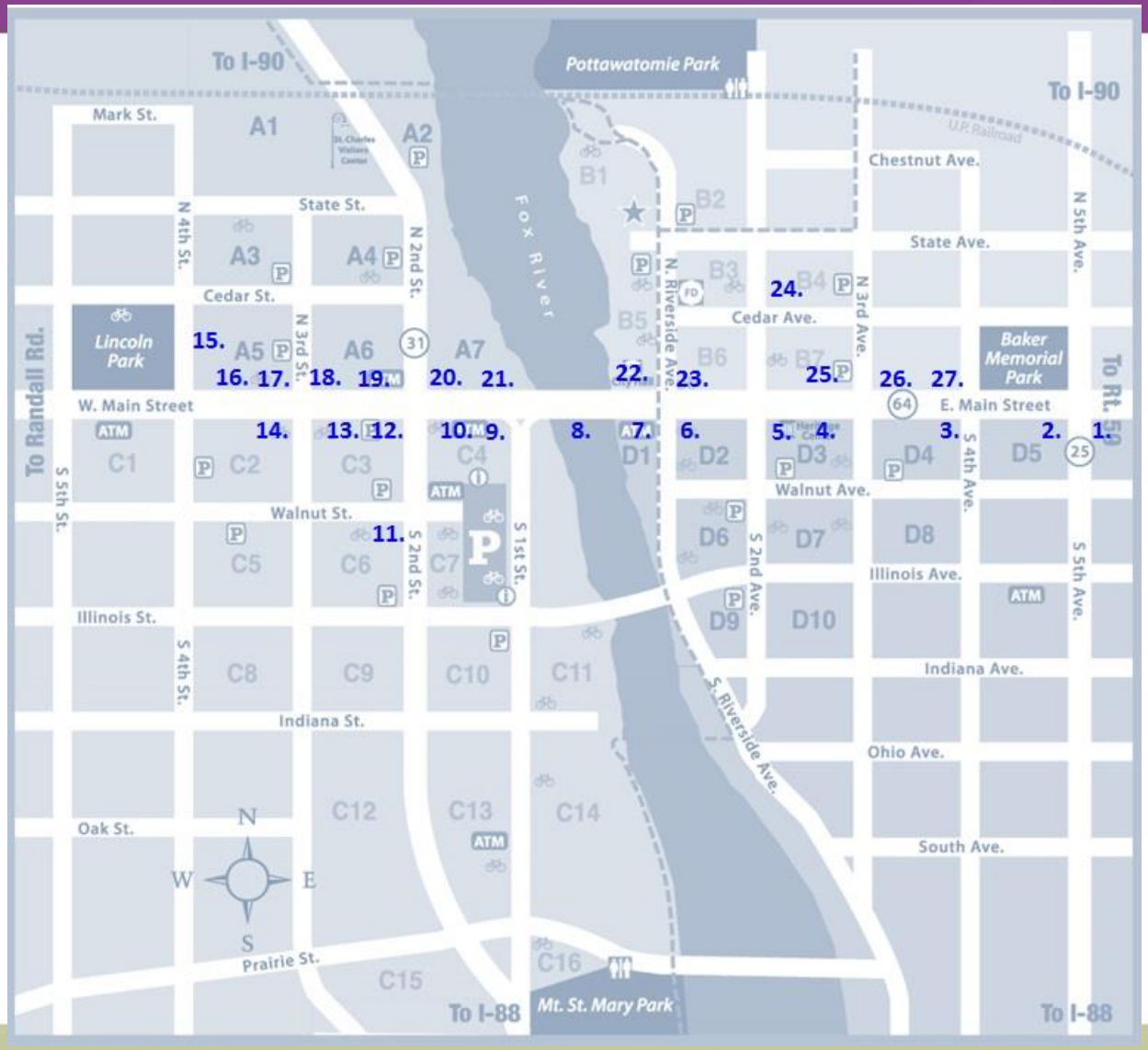
Walkable Downtown:

Historic Walking Tour

DOWNTOWN ST. CHARLES
DISCOVER YOUR CITY SIDE

Downtown St. Charles PARTNERSHIP

St. CHARLES HISTORY MUSEUM
COLLECT • PRESERVE • PRESENT


To I-90
Pottawatomie Park
To I-90
Mark St.
A1
A2
St. Charles Visitors Center
U.P. Railroad
Chestnut Ave.
B1
B2
State St.
State Ave.
N 4th St.
A3
A4
N 2nd St.
Fox River
N 5th Ave.
B3
B4
N. Riverside Ave.
N 3rd Ave.
24.
Cedar St.
Cedar Ave.
B5
B6
B7
Lincoln Park
15.
A5
N 3rd St.
A6
A7
Baker Memorial Park
To Rt. 59
16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 25. 26. 27.
W. Main Street
E. Main Street
To Randall Rd.
14. 13. 12. 10. 9. 8. 7. 6. 5. 4. 3. 2. 1.
C1
C2
C3
C4
D1
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C11
Indiana Ave.
Indiana St.
S. Riverside Ave.
Ohio Ave.
C12
C13
C14
Oak St.
N
W
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S
South Ave.
Prairie St.
C15
C16
To I-88
Mt. St. Mary Park
To I-88

11 HENRY ROCKWELL BAKER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER

101 S. Second Street

Local philanthropist Edward J. Baker donated this Tudor style community center to the City of St. Charles in 1926 in memory of his son, Henry Rockwell Baker, and to the St. Charles veterans of World War I. Henry Rockwell Baker (1891-1914), the only child of Edward and Harriet Rockwell Baker, had been a star football player for the St. Charles High School team. He died of tuberculosis at age twenty-three. Henry Baker's portrait, painted by Paul Trebilcock, hangs in the main lounge of the Baker Community Center near portraits of his parents.

Col. Baker wanted to provide a central meeting place and recreational facility for St. Charles residents. He purchased the home of James VanPatten, which was moved to the west side of the lot to make room for the community center at the corner of Second and Walnut Streets. Baker hired the architectural firm of Wolf, Sexton, Harper, & Trueax, Inc. to design the structure.

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12 GARTNER'S BAKERY EST. 1905

203 W. Main St.

This structure was built by Joseph Gartner in 1905, to house his bakery and confectionary. Gartner was, an immigrant from Germany who arrived in Illinois at the age of 19 years old and worked in a bakery in Hampshire, Illinois. After moving to St. Charles in 1890, he set up shop in the Dearborn building at Main and 2nd Street before moving to the new location 15 years later.

Gartner's Bakery became famous for its five-cent ice cream dishes and 25-cent Sunday dinners. Joseph's son Karl ran the business until 1960, when the building was sold to Bagge Pharmacy. Various businesses have utilized the space, and it is currently occupied by Kettley Realty (St. Charles Public Library)

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26 ST. CHARLES TROLLEY LINE

EST. 1896

In front of 307 Cedar Avenue Baker Memorial United Methodist Church

Starting in 1896, the first interurban trolley – operating under the Elgin, Aurora, and Southern Traction Company – rolled down Main Street. Trains connecting Chicago and St. Charles eventually arrived in 1910.

At the 3rd and State streets intersection in Geneva, the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railroad (also known as the Great Third Rail) branched off and operated on the Fox River Line. This provided an essential link between Aurora, Geneva, St. Charles and Elgin. The trolleys traveling north entered St. Charles via 3rd Street, running up and down Main Street several times a day.

The trolley and railroad lines gave people mobility and provided quicker access to neighboring towns. On October 31, 1937, the line ended operations.

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Fine Art Show
MEMORIAL WEEKEND
St. Charles Municipal Center
Over 7ft off the ground

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