

AGENDA RESERVATION REQUEST

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

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Requests permission for the use of the former Street Department buildings.			
Copy of the Proposal for the Use of the Former Street Department Buildings			
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The Franklin Board of Works meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 70 E. Monroe Street. In order for an individual and/or agency to be considered for new business on the agenda, this reservation form and supporting documents must be received in the Mayor's office no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the Board of Works meeting.

Proposal for the Use of the Former Street Department Buildings

Franklin Heritage, Inc., Habitat for Humanity and The Lord's Cupboard propose that the three not-for-profits be allowed the use of the old City of Franklin Street Department buildings by way of leasing the property. The specific request is for use of the buildings south of the gate, including the maintenance shop and the ten bay garages but does not include the fire station building.

Combining the three entities in a central location would provide a one stop shop approach to those looking for reasonably priced household appliances, furniture, and clothing. It would also provide storage space for Habitat for Humanity's building materials and Franklin Heritage's salvaged house parts.

The Lord's Cupboard current location is in an old house and store which has maintenance issues and cramped quarters for receiving and processing donations. It lacks parking and open display areas that the maintenance building (shop) at the old Street Department would accommodate well.

Habitat for Humanity has only a small garage on the Franklin College campus in which to store materials and donations for their housing projects. LeeAnn Wilbur, director, estimates that 60% of her calls are from contractors, stores and families that want to donate building materials such as doors, windows and cabinets. The garage bays at the former Street Department would allow for much more space than the current location and a place to stage their building programs.

Franklin Heritage has been salvaging historic building parts that are then resold to owners of old homes that are restoring their properties. The architectural salvage consists of cast iron bathtubs, porch posts and hard to find vintage light fixtures. Saving these items keeps them from going into landfills and recycles them for reuse.

Bringing these agencies together will allow for more collaboration and help to fill gaps in services that are needed. Collaboration between these three agencies has already begun. The three groups have already discussed workshops and seminars that could be offered on topics such as home buying, home maintenance, and aging in place. Conversations have also been held with Johnson County Recycling about programs that stress the importance of recycling and other green topics.

The three groups all rely on large groups of volunteers and would have an adequate supply of manpower to do maintenance on the buildings, mowing, trimming, etc. All three non-profits feel this is an excellent opportunity to provide a resource not only to the surrounding neighborhood but the Franklin community along with surrounding communities as well. The potential industrial uses permitted in this location could have a negative effect on the neighborhood. This proposal eliminates that possibility.

We propose to lease the buildings for \$1.00 a year for an initial three years in order to allow time for these agencies to become established in this location. An annual review would be conducted to inform the City Council and Board of Public Works of the progress each agency has made. This would allow the City an option yearly to determine their need to reevaluate their space and facility needs for the future.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this tremendous opportunity.

Rob Shilts
Franklin Heritage, Inc.

LeeAnn Wilbur
Habitat for Humanity

Flora Markward
The Lord's Cupboard

The Lords Cupboard

Established in 1971, the primary purpose of this not-for-profit is to provide a thrift-store outlet for donated clothing, utensils, furniture, household appliances and miscellaneous household items, which are prepared for sale to the public at nominal prices.

The Lord's Cupboard also provides needy households with such items upon written request form the Welfare Department, Red Cross, JC Township trustees, church ministers and other social services.

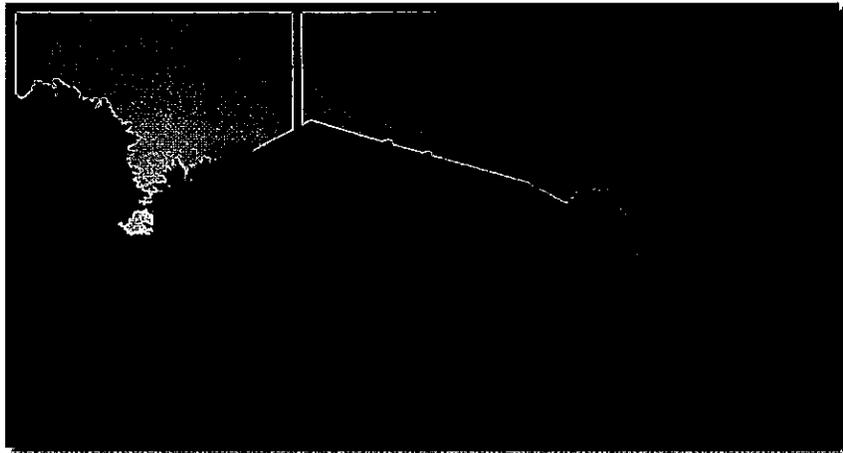
In the event of a fire, flood, storm or accident, the organization will provide items in stock to agencies that are administering emergency aid.



Overstocked shelving at the current location.



Current receiving & sorting area.



Preferred new location for The Lords Cupboard

Habitat for Humanity

Mission Statement: Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County, Inc. is an Ecumenical Christian Organization that is dedicated to working in partnership with families in Johnson County under the conviction that every person should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live where they feel safe and have dignity.



Current Habitat Garage

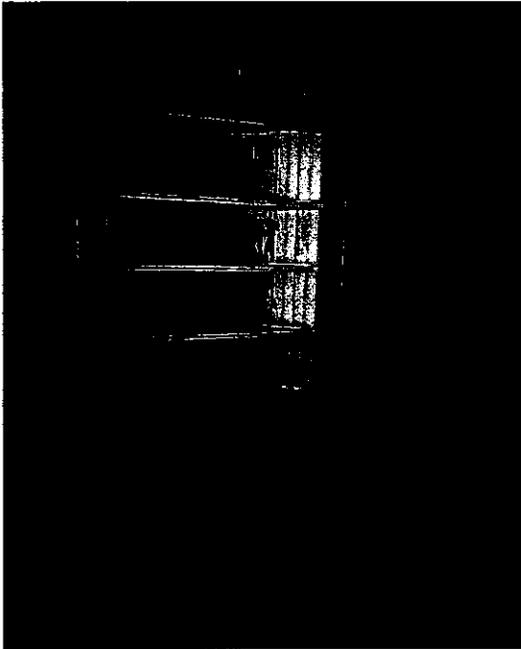


Soldiers helping with a build.

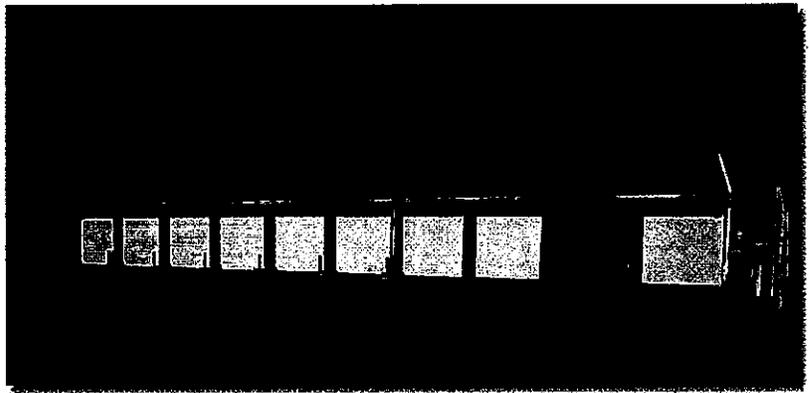
Franklin Heritage, Inc.

Mission Statement: Franklin Heritage, Inc. is a non-profit service and community development corporation that is organized to purchase, stabilize, develop and resell historic properties in order to promote reinvestment and housing opportunities in those neighborhoods.

Through physical development, advocacy and education, Franklin Heritage, Inc. promotes solutions based on partnerships and collaborations that create better, healthier communities.



Old Street Department Garage



Bays to be used for future salvage items.