



MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 11, 2014  
**TO:** Mayor, Alderman, & City Clerk  
**FROM:** Shawn Hamilton, City Manager  
**RE: Alderman Requests FY15 budget**

At the March 4, 2014 Budget Workshop, Alderman Knight requested that, if any Alderman had a specific item they would like considered for the FY15 Budget, to turn that requests into the City Manager by Saturday, March 8. I received 2 requests – 1 that was clarified through our discussions with the Flood Reduction Projects and 1 that will need to be discussed:

1. If the Council, through action, adds funding for any projects, studies, etc, or any items related to the Flood Reduction projects or additional Storm Water studies, we would accomplish those through a FY15 Budget Amendment. For the time being, we are “tracking” that topic as an item on the scorecard titled “Storm Water Management”.
2. Alderman Shubert has requested that the Council discuss funding for plaques for the Historic Preservation Commission. Alderman Shubert is the Council liaison to that Commission. This requests has previously been made to the City Manager through the Commission which I have denied. Jon Branham, City Staff liaison to the Commission, summarized the history of the request in the email below to the CP&D Director:

The Commission has been seeking to honor local landmarks with plaques since 2010. Many other communities have similar programs. There are currently nine local landmarks in Park Ridge. There have been a several different estimates over the past few years, but the last request from the Commission to City Council was to request the Council to budget approximately \$3,500-\$4,000. This would likely cover the existing landmarks and a few future ones, as each plaque is estimated to cost around \$300-\$400. The Commission is hopeful that this would become a line item in future budgets, though it is realistic that a lesser amount would be needed for future, as probably 2-3 landmarks, if that, are likely to be designated per year.

Grants are not available through the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for plaques.

In November, 2013, the Commission voted unanimously to request the City Council approve the placement of plaques on designated historic landmarks.