



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Division of Historic Preservation

Jim Gray
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Richard Moloney, CAO
Urban County Council Members

FROM: Bettie Kerr, Director
Division of Historic Preservation

DATE: May 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Restoration of historic Skuller's Street clock

This is to request authorization for the restoration of the historic Skuller's street clock on Main Street by the Verdin Company in the amount of \$25,415.00. The historic street clock, which has been on Main Street since approximately 1913, has fallen into disrepair and will be totally restored and returned to Main Street.

The cast iron columned street clock will be fully restored, including much needed structural repairs to the fabric of the clock, re-creation of several of the missing historic elements crafted to match the original based on historic photo documentation. This includes fabricating a detailed "collar" at the top of the post beneath the clock head, new hands and face details to match the original, dimensional eyeglasses that sit below the clock head, and re-creation of the neon lettering on the bonnet of the clock.. The clock will be made fully functional and receive a few hidden modern features including a controller to change the time automatically to adjust for season time changes, power outages, etc. The restoration will be carried out by the Verdin Company, a Cincinnati family-owned firm that has been creating street clocks and tower bells since 1842.

As you are probably already aware, the needed funds for the restoration have been raised by members of the Historic Preservation Commission on behalf of the LFUCG through donations dedicated for this purpose. The necessary funds are in place in the LFUCG budget and the project will be overseen by the Division of Historic Preservation staff..

Cc: Derek Paulsen, Commissioner of Planning, Preservation and Development
Keith Horn, Department of Law
John Rhorer, LFUCG Historic Preservation Commission
Win Meeker, Past Chair, LFUCG Historic Preservation Commission