

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Eric Meyer, Director of Economic Development and Planning Dept.
Date: May 25, 2012
Subject: Neighborhood Sign Program- Lamotte neighborhood application

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council approval for a Neighborhood Sign Project application for the Lamotte neighborhood.

BACKGROUND:

City Council approved \$10,000 in the FY2011-2012 Cultural Support budget for a Neighborhood Sign Project. An estimate of \$1,440.00 per sign was developed for the applications based on a quote for a sample 3' x 4' professional sign. Replacing the old wooden sign with a 12" by 8' sand-blasted sign is estimated at \$1,030.00.

Approval of this fifth neighborhood sign at \$1,030.00 will bring the total for the year to approximately \$7,440.00.

DISCUSSION:

Margaret Tucker, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, will work with the participating neighborhood on the selection and installation process. The neighbors have agreed to maintain their new sign and assist with landscaping.

RECOMMENDATION:

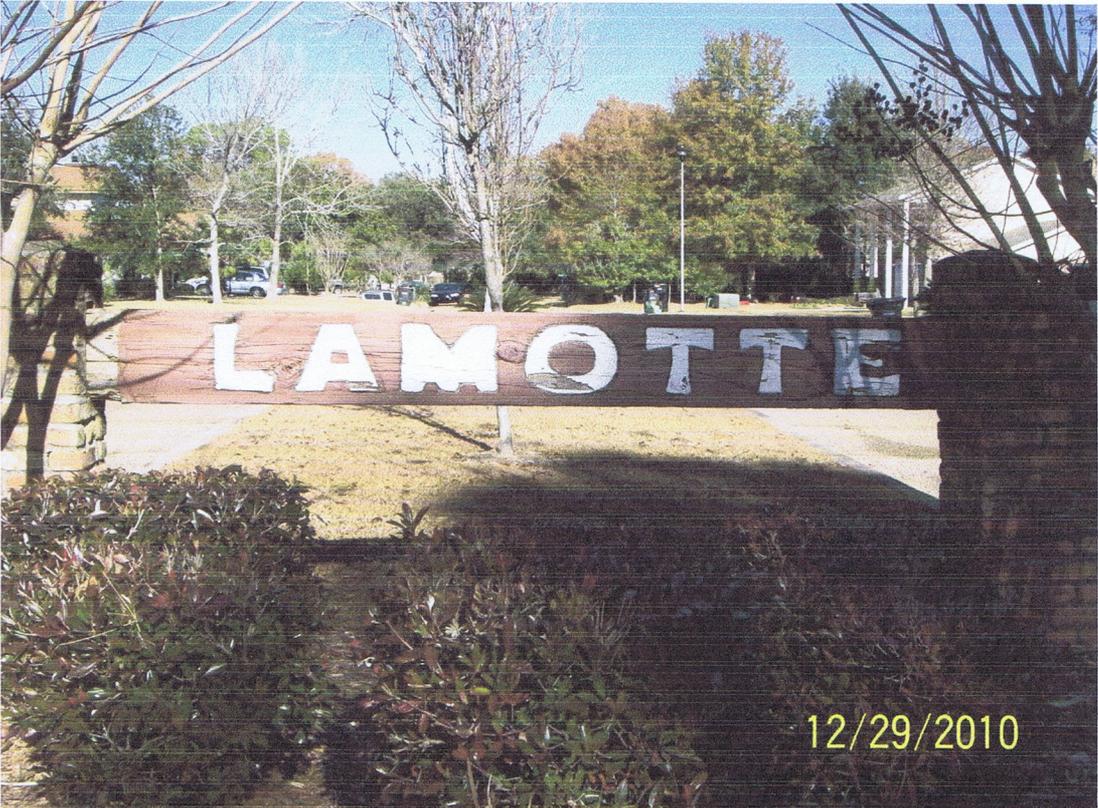
Economic Development and Planning Department staff recommends that City Council approve the application as proposed.

The City Council may:

1. Approve the new Neighborhood Sign Program application for the Lamotte neighborhood;
2. Approve the proposed application with changes; or
3. Disapprove the proposed application.

ATTACHMENT(S):

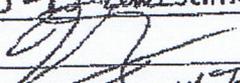
Lamotte Neighborhood Sign application
Photo of current sign



APPLICANT INFORMATION: Please indicate the contact person for your organization. The contact person should be able to answer specific questions regarding your project and application.

Name of Neighborhood /Organization:	LAMOTTE ESTATES
Contact Person:	CAROLYN RIVERS
Address:	1924 Winwood DR.
Phone Number (Day):	228-990-1437
Phone Number (Evening):	"
Email:	CSRIVERS@CAROLYNRIVERS.NET

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Neighborhood Name For Sign:	L A M O T T E	
Type of Sign: (circle one)	Sandblasted	\$1,140.00
	Plywood	\$225.00
Type of Post/Installation: (circle one)	4X4	\$200.00
	4X6	\$300.00
*Grant Award Amount (sign + post/installation):	= 1,440.00	
Estimated Start Date:	5-15-2012	Estimated Completion Date: 5-20-2012
Signature of Applicant:		
Printed Name of Applicant:	Tracy Bow	

*See attached sign cost estimates and details.

Sign company will work with applicant on sign color(s), logo and font selection.

Please provide a response to the following questions. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANT

Please provide a brief description of your organization or neighborhood group.

Neighborhood Improvement Program
Neighborhood Sign Mini-Grant application

April 20, 2012

RE: Lamotte Neighborhood Gautier, MS

Application.

Description of the applicant:

The Lamotte community has been active in working together previously, just recently 2012 the residents of Lamotte has started a Neighborhood watch, has various residents at strategic points within the community to be monitors of the neighborhood as well as any suspicious activities which may arise.

The 95% of the Community has previously donated funds for the up-keep of the Entrance, maintenance of the appearance and the other natural "green areas" within the Community to make sure these areas are well kept and maintained.

There has been several small Community meetings addressing the concerns of the neighborhood, Streets, sewer, water, police protection, adherence to local ordinances and other concerns raised by the residents of the Lamotte neighborhood.

There is four (4) separate groups contained within the Neighborhood consisting of families residing in geographic locations throughout the streets that comprise of maintenance, specific watch areas and individuals responsible for their area.

Description of the Project:

There was an existing project to remove the dilapidated Entrance sign and have a new sign made and installed, One resident provided the paint and application of the paint to the sign to allow additional time for the project to be completed. The Existing Sign has two (2) Brick Pillars which may be utilized and modified as supplemental to the New Sign due to the New sign will be smaller in Width. As witnessed, the Lamotte Entrance is meticulously maintained, which includes cutting the Grass, trimming the bushes and trees, as well as maintaining the trimming of the Curb.

The New sign will enhance the Community of Lamotte in many ways, will be more visible, will be New and present to those who pass by on Graveline road as an observer to notice how nice Lamotte is and what Gautier represents in Jackson County, Mississippi. Many of those who travel on Graveline Road are visitors to the Sheppard State Park, thus what they see also represents what they may tell others of their experience while in Gautier MS. One large benefit will be for those who actually reside in Lamotte, they will and will continue to feel proud of where they live and express this by having and doing what is necessary to have their community look good to their family and all others in Gautier.

Implementation Process/Future Maintenance of the Project:

We have approximately twenty (20) individuals which desire to donate their time in the dismantling of the existing sign as Phase One, then assist and or provide additional man hours in the installation process required, this of course will be in conjunction if necessary with the company installing the New Sign as Phase Two, Once the New sign is installed, the community will continue to provide maintenance to the Entrance, the New Sign and will have within it's operating budget funds to apply protection to the sign as preventative maintenance, a community inspection and vote will be held after a Three (3) year period as to the condition of the Sign, to evaluate whether re-painting is required, this evaluation period will be every three (3) years.

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Additional Resources:

- ** Donation of Paint has been offered by residents of LaMotte (2)
- ** Donation individual hands on work or assistance has been offered by other residents (20)
- ** Donation of some landscape materials has been offered in assistance with the beautification of Lamotte Neighborhood
- ** On Going donations of funds to meet and or exceed the proper maintenance of Lamotte Communities Public areas or Green areas.