

Request for City Council Action

Date: May 19, 2015

Agenda Section: Public Hearing & Special Report No. 4	Originating Department: Planning Services
Item: Historic Preservation Award Presentation 407 South Forest Avenue No. 4.1	Approved:

Background and Summary:

In order to bring awareness to the importance of historic preservation and to encourage and reward those who have taken an active role in preservation, the City of Carbondale Preservation Commission initiated a Historic Preservation Awards Program in 2006. Each year members of the community are invited to submit nominations. Any property within the City is eligible and can be nominated in one of the following categories; preservation, restoration, sympathetic addition, or compatible new construction.

The recipient of the 2015 Historic Preservation Award is the historic R. Buckminster Fuller Dome Home at 407 South Forest Avenue owned by RBF Dome NFP.

The residence located at 407 South Forest Avenue is being recognized in the category of restoration. The home, built in 1960, recently underwent extensive exterior restoration. The organization has restored the home by returning the exterior of the home to its original character. Preservation architect Thad Heckman created contract documents which were submitted and approved by the National Park Service, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Carbondale Preservation Commission. Under the guidance of Dome Inc., the preservation work was carried out to include the removal of the layers of shingles on the roof, the rebuilding of a failing pentagon and hexagon, new skylights, refurbished sliding glass door and windows, and a new membrane roof. The care taken with the restoration illustrates the improvements that can be made to a property while helping preserve its historical character.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council join the Preservation Commission in recognizing this historic building and the efforts of the owners in preserving it for future generations.

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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Council Action: Motion by _____ 2nd by _____ to _____



(1960 completion of the R. Buckminster Fuller Home)



(Dome Inc. crew removes the three layers of shingles)



(Rebuilds the structural hexagons and pentagons)



(Complete rebuilding of the central hexagon)



(Installing new $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood sheathing over the dome)



(Completes the wrapping of the steel tension ring)



(Ribbon cutting with Phase One completed)