



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: Preserving Local History Project

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2018

Item No. _____

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council to receive and file this information at this time. As project gets underway, staff will update the City Council and ask for direction as needed.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there are hundreds of slides, photographs, newspaper clippings and other historical documents that are in great need of preservation. While the City of Commerce is only 67 years old, there is a rich history that includes both residents and the business community.

Currently, these documents are housed in different locations including the warehouse where the conditions for storage are less than optimal. It is the Library's desire to begin to digitize and capture the local history of the City of Commerce for all to enjoy. The Library's Preserving Local History Project would evaluate the existing materials and assess them to see what can be saved for the project. The Library would then create a plan in phases to make the materials searchable and accessible to the public online and in person at the Rosewood Main Library.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO 2012 STRATEGIC GOALS:

The issue before the Council is applicable to the following strategic goal of the Council: "Protect and Enhance Quality of Life in the City of Commerce."

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