



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICE

DATE: July 2, 2018
TO: Dr. Cheryl Brown, Director/Council Secretary, Jacksonville City Council
CC: Director/Fire Chief Kurtis Wilson
FROM: John Bracey, Immediate Past Chairman, Jacksonville Fire Museum Advisory Board
SUBJ: Annual Report – Jacksonville Fire Museum Status

As of June 2018, the Jacksonville Fire Museum's comprehensive repair project is complete. The two-year endeavor has yielded a facility that is structurally sound, resistant to moisture intrusion, and equipped with a new HVAC system.

Due to the future redevelopment plans for Metropolitan Park, Chief Wilson and I recommend that the museum remain closed, and that its collection remain in climate-controlled, off-site storage. When the park's redevelopment plans are defined, I recommend reconvening the advisory board and encouraging all invested parties to revisit the Fire Museum's status and consider a re-opening strategy.

Thanks for your support of the Jacksonville Fire Museum.

Sincerely,

John Bracey
Community Affairs Officer