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DOWNTOWN PARKVILLE RECEIVES 2018 GREAT PLACES IN MISSOURI AWARD

PARKVILLE, MO, JANUARY 3, 2018 – The City of Parkville is pleased to announce that downtown Parkville has received a 2018 American Planning Association Great Places in Missouri award in the Great Neighborhood category. Downtown Parkville was named a Great Neighborhood because of its quality and exemplary character, unique identity and cultural interest, community involvement and planning and sustainable vision for tomorrow.

Each year the American Planning Association Missouri Chapter solicits nominations for Great Places in Missouri to recognize and honor a community's commitment to planning and plan implementation and the role elected officials, community leaders, institutions and citizens play in creating communities that enrich people's lives.

In 2017, the City's Community Development Department nominated downtown Parkville in the Great Neighborhood category. The application highlighted the unique historic structures and atmosphere, its interaction with the community through hosted annual events and its active friendly environment through its connections with multiple trails, parks and nature sanctuaries. The Main Street Parkville Association's (MSPA) commitment to preserving and promoting the historic charm of downtown Parkville through revitalization, business recruitment initiatives and hosting of events throughout the year for purposes of community engagement and fundraising was cited in the nomination. City staff also showcased the planning efforts stemming from the Vision Downtown Parkville plan and other neighborhood preservation initiatives.

The City received notification in December that downtown Parkville was selected as a 2018 Great Neighborhood. The award will be presented to City staff at the American Planning Association Missouri Planners' Day at the Capitol on January 31, 2018, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mayor Nan Johnston congratulated the downtown Parkville neighborhood and city staff for being recognized for this award. "Downtown Parkville is a wonderful neighborhood, filled with magnificent homes and an eclectic array of shops and historic buildings, each offering a unique shopping experience. The partnership between the City of Parkville, MSPA and residents is strong and the neighborhood is truly deserving for being named one of Missouri's 'Best Places'."

For more information about the award, contact Community Development Director Stephen Lachky at (816) 741-7676.