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Liberty to Break Ground on \$2.6 Million Animal Shelter

LIBERTY, Mo. – Join the members of the Liberty City Council and the Animal Shelter Task Force at 10 a.m. on March 27 for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the new Animal Shelter, which will be located adjacent to the Liberty Utilities Operations Center off of Riverview Road.

The new facility will replace the current 1,245 square foot cinder block building that has served the community since 1974. The new 7,297 square foot facility will include:

- Lobby with reception area with seating for 12 and adoption / visitation rooms
- 3 door garage bay (with heating for animal overflow during emergency events)
- Intake room (off of garage bay area)
- 32 indoor dog runs
- Veterinary medical services room
- Feline ward room with kennels
- Reinforced storm shelter
- Animal Control staff office with restroom, lockers and shower
- Storage/laundry room
- Indoor canine play room
- Isolation room
- Conference and training room with kitchenette

Beyond the indoor facilities and amenities, the project will also include:

- 17 outdoor covered dog runs
- 4 outdoor play areas (with shade structures)

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Attached: Animal Shelter Background

Liberty Animal Shelter Background

April 2018

Liberty voters approved a 3/8-cent Use Tax with a vote of :

Yes: 70.13% (2,839) No: 29.87% (1,209)

Per voter education materials, the revenue from the Use Tax is to fund specific capital projects, including a new Animal Shelter, and to modernize City funding sources for basic City services.

Beginning in May 2018: In preparation for this project and selection of a design-build team, an Animal Shelter Task Force, comprised Liberty residents, business owners, veterinarians, elected officials and City staff visited several area shelters and rescue organizations as well as recent City construction and remodeling projects to gather ideas for the new animal shelter.

May 17, 2018: The City of Liberty put out a Request for Qualifications for Design-Build Teams for a new animal shelter on City-owned property with intent to contract with a design-build team to complete the animal shelter project.

August 2018: The Liberty Animal Shelter Task Force asked three design-build teams that responded to a Request for Proposals.

December 2018: The City of Liberty entered contract negotiations with the top project proposer.

February 11, 2019: The Liberty City Council approved a design-build contract with Centric Projects, LLC for construction of a new animal shelter.

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