

REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Strategic Plan, 2007-2010 of the Historic Sites Committee be approved.

Background

The Historic Sites Committee (HSC) Strategic Plan is contained in Appendix A. Its strategic plan has several key focus areas:

- continue its recognized work in the researching and plaquing of historic sites, events and figures in London;
- complete the Mill Project: researching the history of mills along the Thames River in London, and marking mill sites;
- enhance the public's knowledge of London's history;
- continue to work on sustainability through management of resources, co-sponsorship of new plaques, and fund development.

The HSC does not received funding through the Library budget to undertake its activities but relies on donations to support specific projects, or grants to fund more extensive ventures. In part because of the recognized expertise of these dedicated volunteers, the HSC has been successful in the past few years in generating project specific funding. Members have also earned honoraria for the Committee through writing projects. These funds have been applied to the plaquing program.

This is the second strategic plan that the committee has developed in order to focus its activities and align them with the Strategic Plan of the Library. The achievements of the first plan (2004-2006) are:

- installation of "London YMCA" plaque, November 23, 2006, and preparation for the YMCA of a chronology of the London YMCA's 150 year-history.
- publication and sale of the *Walking Guide to Historic Sites of London*, funded in part by the Landmarks London;
- organization of archived research materials on plaques for access by the public;
- initial work on the HSC website.

