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Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Office of Historic Preservation

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

Resolution to initiate landmark designation for 130 Davis Ct.

SUMMARY:

This resolution requests direction from City Council to move forward with historic landmark designation for the property at 130 Davis Ct. The Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC) voted to initiate an application for landmark designation on July 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The house at 130 Davis Ct. was constructed in 1916. Fred W. Maule, manager of Reliance Life Insurance Co., commissioned the construction of the home for his wife, Amy. The Maules' were the first residents to live on Davis Ct. The house was custom built, designed by an unknown architect. The home features character defining features that include: a gabled dormer with stick work, a limestone-faced porch and wood rafters that extend beyond the eaves with elaborate ornamentation. The tripartite design pattern is evident in the majority of the architectural features, (ie. Windows, rafters, divided lite pattern). 130 Davis Ct. is a unique and unusual example of a craftsman style home that is fully intact.

A request for review of historic significance for 130 Davis Ct. was submitted to OHP by a citizen. Consistent with the RID 2014-003, OHP processed the request from a citizen for review and scheduled the request on the HDRC agenda. The HDRC concurred with the applicant that the property is eligible for landmark designation and voted to initiate landmark designation. The property owner is not in favor of designation.

The property at 130 Davis Ct. meets the following criteria for local landmark designation:

- Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials [35-607(b)5];
- Its historical, architectural, or cultural integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship [35-607(b)8];
- It is an important example of a particular architectural type or specimen [35-607(b)12];

ISSUE:

The property at 130 Davis Ct. meets the criteria and is eligible for landmark designation. If Council approves a resolution to proceed with landmark designation, then OHP would apply for a change in zoning to include a historic landmark overlay for the property. The change in zoning requires approval from both the Zoning Commission and City Council. If approved by Council, the property would become a local historic landmark. Rehabilitation work would qualify for local tax incentives. All future proposals would require HDRC review.

ALTERNATIVES:

Landmark designation would help protect and preserve this structure in the Mahncke Park neighborhood. If Council does not approve a resolution to proceed with landmark designation, the designation process would come to an end and the HDRC's recommendation would not be required for any demolition requests. New construction on the property would not require review by the HDRC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated with this designation include application fees of \$770.00 and are funded in the Office of Historic Preservation FY 2015 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

The property is eligible for historic designation. The HDRC recommends that City Council initiate the historic designation process.