

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: COMMENT TO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER ON THE NOMINATION OF THE BUNGALOW HEAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transmittal of the attached report (Attachment C) from the Historic Preservation Commission to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in support of the nomination of the Bungalow Heaven Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed a final draft of the National Register nomination for the Bungalow Heaven Historic District at its meeting on December 17, 2007 and recommended that the City Council forward a recommendation approving the nomination to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Background

The Bungalow Heaven Historic District has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with the requirements of the National Park Service, the SHPO routinely notifies local officials and property owners about nominations to the National Register. The purpose of the notification is to allow time for public comment before the State Historical Resources Commission holds a public hearing on the nomination and the SHPO forwards a recommendation to the National Park Service. The State Historical Resources Commission is scheduled to review this nomination, and the Pasadena Arroyo Parks & Recreation District, in Pasadena on February 1, 2008.

The proposed National Register district is roughly bounded by North Mentor Avenue on the east, East Washington Boulevard on the north, East Orange Grove Avenue on the south, and North Chester and North Michigan Avenues on the east. The 16-block area

was developed primarily between 1888 and 1929. There are 684 parcels in the district, 521 contributing buildings and 165 non-contributing buildings (686 buildings total). The proposed National Register district is smaller than the existing Bungalow Heaven Landmark District. Holliston Avenue, and the north end of Chester Avenue were not included in the district because they have larger lots and a different character; portions around McDonald Park were excluded because of a high concentration of non-contributors. (Districts listed in the National Register generally have a higher percentage of contributing properties than local districts and the criteria applied to determine contributors is more stringent.)

The nominated district is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C at the local level of significance under the registration requirements of the 1997 Multiple Property documentation "The Residential Architecture of Pasadena, California, 1895-1918: The Influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement." The historic district is significant in local history as the largest intact grouping of working class housing constructed during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that reflects the influences of the Arts and Crafts movement in Pasadena.

Members of the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association (BHNA) have been involved in this nomination process. City staff has attended BHNA board meeting and BHNA general meetings to inform residents. An informational meeting held by SHPO is scheduled for January 16, 2008 and invitations were mailed to each property owner in the proposed district.

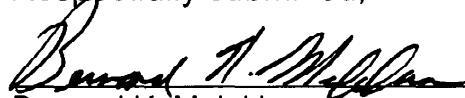
Effects of Listing in the National Register

In 2002 the City Council amended the City's historic preservation ordinance to extend the regulatory reviews over properties in designated landmark districts to all districts listed in the National Register. In this case, however, there are no changes to the review procedures because all the properties in the Bungalow Heaven Historic District are within the boundaries of the existing Bungalow Heaven Landmark District that was designated by the City in 1989.

Fiscal Impact


The nomination of the Bungalow Heaven Historic District to the National Register has no fiscal impact to the City.

Respectfully submitted,



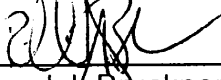
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ATTACHMENTS

- A: Map nominated Bungalow Heaven Historic District
- B: National Register Registration Form for Bungalow Heaven Historic District
- C: Review and Comment Report by Certified Local Government