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# Mack and Jackie Robinson Family Home Memorial and Historical Marker

City Council  
August 19, 2024  
Item #13





# Background

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- At request of the late Councilmember John Kennedy, staff was asked to develop more visible memorial at site of Robinson family home where Mack & Jackie grew-up
- Staff consulted with various community stakeholders & members of the Robinson family
- On May 14 and July 9, 2024, project was presented to NW Commission & was well received by Commission



# Current Marker in Pavement

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Current Marker Between  
Sidewalk & Curb



123 Pepper Street - Marker

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# Proposed Project

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- Three-sided raised memorial with metal plaques
  - > Project designed for ADA accessibility & to withstand elements



# Proposed Project Language

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- Plaque 1 – Language written by members of Robinson Family to honor family matriarch Mallie Robinson & all five children – Edgar, Frank, Mack, Willa Mae & Jack
- Plaque 2 – Historical information on Mack's & Jackie's accomplishments
- Plaque 3 – Pictures & quotes from both Mack & Jackie which were selected by the family



# Language for Plaque 1

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At this very site once stood the house of The Robinson Family.

A house where Mallie McGriff Robinson courageously sought refuge after leaving Cairo, GA — a haven for herself and her five children, Frank, Edgar, Mack, Willa Mae, and Jack to not only to exist in a country stained with violent racism toward Black Americans, but to thrive in it.

A house where Mrs. Robinson nurtured a sense of identity and empowerment in her children, imparting the belief that ownership was their birthright, despite living in a time that denied this to Black Americans.

A house where faith, resilience, and love were the cornerstone values. But also where crucial lessons of self-defense, fearlessness, and the unwavering demand for respect from others resided.

A house whose porch became a space where endless family stories were told, and unforgettable memories created, shaping a legacy of strength and unity for generations to come.

A house where the Robinson family took up space, but also a home where they could flourish.

May this plaque stand as a testament to the home Mrs. Robinson crafted—a place where the Robinson family could simply say, “we belong.”



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# Estimated Timeline

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<b>Major Task</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Northwest Commission - Community Presentation	5/14 & 7/9/2024
City Council	8/19/2024
Order Plaques (8 to 10 weeks)	9/9/2024
Construction start date	11/11/2024
Construction completion date	11/25/2024
Ribbon Cutting	TBD