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### Mack and Jackie Robinson Family Home Memorial and Historical Marker

City Council August 19, 2024 Item #13





- 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



Current Marker Between Sidewalk & Curb



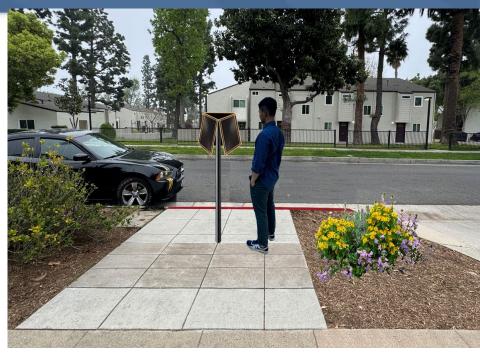
123 Pepper Street - Marker





## Proposed Project





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



### Proposed Project Language

- 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



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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 flourished.

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





# Estimated Timeline

| Major Task                       | Dates                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Northwest Commission - Community | E / 1 / 9 7 / 0 / 0 0 0 / |
| 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                       |