

Information Item

Date: August 6, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Michelle McCullough, Historic Resource Officer

Subject:
Cherry Street Duplex Demolished by Habitat for Humanity.

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Preserve Historic Resources

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



As part of the Old Cherry #2 Redevelopment Plan, the City acquired a duplex in poor condition at 1605-1607 North Cherry Street. Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County (Habitat) submitted a proposal for the City to transfer title and provide \$65,000 to remodel the duplex. The remaining cost to rehabilitate the property would be provided by Habitat. Title transfer was approved August 2015 and funding approved in August 2016. A tree fell on the home and mold issues were found resulting in Habitat demolishing the property in April 2018. Habitat remains interested in rebuilding on the site. Information will be presented to both the Finance Committee and Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee regarding the continued financial commitment of \$65,000 to be used to build a new home at the location. Historic Resources Staff discussed the necessity of the demolition with the NC State Historic Preservation Office and has drafted the required Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Attached is a detailed narrative from Habitat regarding the actions taken for the duplex and the plans for a new house to be built on the two lot locations.