

Information Item

Date: December 10, 2019

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
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Subject:
Historic House/Neighborhood Recognition

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods
Strategic Objective: Preserve Historic Resources
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Planning & Development Services was asked to investigate programs that used signs to recognize historic neighborhoods, their early/first residents, and the occupations of early/first residents. This request specifically asked for information about a plaque program for historic houses. Historic Resources staff conducted a survey of different forms of recognition for historic neighborhoods and houses, including existing Winston-Salem programs – both public and private – and new programs that would be modeled on those used in other cities. The four primary types of historic neighborhood recognition that could be used in Winston-Salem are: (1) the existing historic marker program; (2) a neighborhood information panel program; (3) a neighborhood sign program; and (4) a historic house plaque program. Staff will present information on each type of program at the Community Development, Housing, and General Government Committee meeting on December 10, 2019. Staff requests further direction from the Committee.