

Information Item

Date: January 9, 2018

To: The City Manager

From: Paul Norby, Director of Planning and Development Services

Subject:

Local Historic Landmarks and Other Ways of Recognizing History in Winston-Salem

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Preserve Historic Resources

Strategic Plan Action Item: Yes

Key Work Item: Yes



Summary of Information:

At the request of the Winston-Salem City Council, Historic Resources staff completed the attached report that includes answers to questions about the Local Historic Landmark program, review of other municipalities' programming for heritage or cultural recognition programs, and staff recommendations for the City to expand its education and identification of all the City's architectural history and the resident's stories.

The City's and the Historic Resources Commission's main function is to regulate the current local, State and federal programs related to historic architecture. However, much of the community's history and remaining architecture goes beyond what can or should be regulated. The community and the City could become more intentional about the telling and celebrating of the history of Winston-Salem's people and culture. However, for those efforts to be successful, the various historic groups in the community need to become more active to make any new programming a success. Therefore, a number of private historical groups have been listed in the report as the entities that should be encouraged to create and carryout various programming. There are also grant opportunities that could be pursued by them to increase their capacity in undertaking such activities.