

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** June 12, 2017

**To:** The City Manager

**From:** D. Ritchie Brooks, Director of Community Development  
S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

### Council Action Requested:

Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by Donation of a House at 1400 Thurmond Street, and a Vacant Lot at 1422 Thurmond Street From the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Board of Education (North Ward)

### Summary of Information:

City Staff has been made aware that work on the new school at the Paisley IB Magnet School property needs to begin early this summer and that the house at 1400 Thurmond Street needs to be relocated or it will be demolished by mid-June, 2017 to make access for the new construction entrance.

It is proposed, pending final approval from the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School Board, that the City accept the donation of the house at 1400 Thurmond Street, Tax PIN 6826-82-2295, and the vacant lot at 1422 Thurmond Street, Tax PIN 6826-82-3504. It is proposed that the house at 1400 Thurmond Street be relocated to the vacant lot at 1422 Thurmond Street and the newly constituted house and lot be used as the demonstration home for the TURN (Transforming Urban Residential Neighborhoods) Program in the North Ward.

This house, along with the houses at 1408 and 1412 Thurmond Street, are significant to the history of Winston-Salem and the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood because they are among the few remaining houses in the area that represent working class African-American housing constructed by the Boston Cottage Company in the early 1900s. The City would encourage the School Board that the houses at 1408 and 1412 Thurmond Street be retained onsite for one year. During this year, interested parties who would like to save and reuse the two houses would work with the Planning Department's Historic Resources staff to develop a plan and find a site to relocate the houses.

The attached resolution authorizes the acquisition by donation of the house improvement only at 1400 Thurmond Street and a vacant lot at 1422 Thurmond Street as shown in the Exhibit A.

### Committee Action:

<b>Committee</b>	CD/H/GG 6/13/17	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**