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TO: Tiffany Harris and Candace Dobson

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DATE: May 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Demolitions for June 13, 2017

Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee

Meeting

Historic Resources staff has reviewed the approximately 40 properties that are scheduled to go before the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee on June 13, 2017 for demolition consideration. Below is a list of contributing structures in National Register of Historic Places districts.

Properties located in National Register Historic Districts:

901 N. Jackson Avenue – **Reynoldstown Historic District**

809 N. Cameron Avenue – Reynoldstown Historic District

303 E. Sprague Street - Sunnyside/Central Terrace

1260 Waughtown Street - Waughtown/Belview Historic District

1600 Waughtown Street - Waughtown/Belview Historic District

740 E. Devonshire Street - Waughtown/Belview Historic District

Historic Resources staff has concerns about the loss of structures in the City's National Register Historic Districts; therefore, I have sent notice to Preservation Forsyth, the local Historic Preservation non-profit organization to advise them of this potential loss. Their mission is to promote, protect, and advocate for Historic Resources in Forsyth County. None of the buildings are designated a Local Historic Landmark or located within designated local historic districts. If demolition for these structures are approved, Historic Resources staff would like to request that the Community and Business Development Department have the structures professionally photo-documented, submitting the photos to the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission and any architectural elements be salvaged from the house prior to demolition.

Additionally, recent discussions at City Council and Council Committee meetings have indicated a concern for the loss of structures in historically African-American neighborhoods. These discussions are continuing, but for Council Members information, I have identified structures from the list that are in historically African-American neighborhoods as presented in the latest survey documentation, that are not currently National Register designated.

Properties located in historically African-American Neighborhoods:

1440 Thurmond Street – **Boston Cottage** 2300 Glenn Avenue – **Bon Air-Greenway Place** 1500 Gholson Avenue – **Colombia Heights Ext.** 506 Pitts Street – **Happy Hill**

cc Ritchie Brooks, Director, Community and Business Development Preservation Forsyth



City Council: Mayor Allen Joines; Vivian H. Burke, Mayor Pro Tempore, Northeast Ward; Denise D. Adams, North Ward; Dan Besse, Southwest Ward; Robert C. Clark, West Ward; Molly Leight, South Ward; Jeff MacIntosh, Northwest Ward; Derwin L Montgomery, East Ward; James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward; City Manager: Lee D. Garrity

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