

Information Item

Date: August 10, 2021

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

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Subject:
Information Regarding National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Winston Lake Golf Course

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Background

Planning staff was asked by Council Member Scippio to investigate the process, cost, and time frame associated with nominating the Winston Lake Golf Course to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of historic resources worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. The purpose of the National Register is to ensure that properties significant in national, state, and local history are considered in planning federal projects, and to encourage historic preservation initiatives by state and local governments as well as the private sector. The National Register is maintained by the National Park Service (NPS) under the Secretary of the Interior.

In North Carolina, the National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) examines potential nominations and makes recommendations to the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the eligibility of properties and the adequacy of nominations. NRAC recommendations are forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in the NPS, by SHPO, for final approval.

Nomination Process

The first step in the listing process is to prepare and submit a North Carolina Study List application. The Study List is a preliminary step in the review of potential nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, to act as an early screening mechanism to remove consideration of properties that are clearly not eligible for the National Register. After a site is placed on the Study List, applicants proceed with the formal National Register Nomination. The National Register's standards for evaluating include historical significance and integrity of the property. During this process, the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) and City Council review and make recommendation on nominations.

Cost

Typically, a Cultural Resources Consultant is hired to complete the Study List application and National Register Nomination. Planning Staff has reached out to local consultants and an estimated cost to do the Study List application, the first step in the process, for Winston Lake Golf Course would be approximately \$2,500. If that application is approved, an estimated cost to complete a National Register Nomination is \$10,000-\$15,000.

Time frame

The estimated time frame to complete and bring a NC Study List application through the process is roughly one to two years. Completing a National Register nomination and submitting it through the State and Federal approval process would take approximately two to three additional years.