

**City of Rochester Hills
Department of Planning**

STAFF REPORT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICTS STUDY COMMITTEE

October 30, 2012

| Boundary Modification – 1631 West Avon Road Historic District | |
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| LOCATION | 1631 W. Avon Road |
| SIDWELL | 70-15-21-126-037; 70-15-21-126-136 |
| FILE NO. | HDSC 08-002 |
| ZONING | RE, Residential Estate |
| STAFF | Jim Brueckman; Kristine Kidorf |

SUMMARY

On April 23, 2012, the Rochester Hills City Council (“Council”) directed the Historic Districts Study Committee (“Committee”) to study a proposed boundary decrease for the 1631 West Avon Road Historic District and make a recommendation back to Council in fifteen months.

Pursuant to Chapter 118 of the Rochester Hills City Code of Ordinances and PA 169 of 1970 as amended the Committee reviewed and adopted the preliminary study committee report at its regular meeting on June 14, 2012. The preliminary report was transmitted to the City Planning Commission, the State Historic Preservation Review Board and Michigan Historical Commission shortly thereafter.

Comments were received from the State Historic Preservation Office on the report. The comments were limited to clarifying the language around the proposed boundary change. That change has been incorporated into the draft final report.

The public hearing is being held on November 15, 2012, the required 60-day waiting period having ended in late August, 2012. As required in Chapter 118, notice of the public hearing was placed in the newspaper and the owners of the property were notified by mail.

At the public hearing the Committee will hear all comments in support and opposition to the proposed boundary modification of the historic district.

At the conclusion of the public hearing the Committee will consider the draft final report and their recommendation to Council. The Committee can:

- 1) Recommend to Council that the proposed district boundary be modified, and present a draft ordinance amendment for Council to consider; OR
- 2) Recommend to Council that the proposed district boundary remain as is and not be modified.

If the Committee recommends modification of the district boundary it is solely at the discretion of Council whether to consider the proposed ordinance amendment. The amendment is treated just as any other proposed ordinance amendment.

If the Committee recommends that the district not be modified it is solely at the discretion of Council whether to accept the Committee's recommendation or to take further action.

POSSIBLE MOTION:

I move that the Historic Districts Study Committee adopt the final study committee report and recommend to Council that the boundary of 1631 West Avon Road Historic District **be/not be** modified.

Attachments: Draft Final Study Committee Report