



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2007-0214

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ed Anzek, Planning and Development, 248-656-4660
DATE: March 23, 2007
SUBJECT: Proposed Ferry Court Historic District

REQUEST:

City Council Designation of the proposed Ferry Court Historic District.

BACKGROUND:

The property is located on the north side of Hamlin Road east of Rochester Road. The subject site has been identified as a Potential Historic District for several years. As part of ongoing study work by the Historic Districts Study Committee (HDSC) the property was identified for study in 2002. A preliminary study report was produced in accordance with the process outlined in the City's Ordinance that recommended designation of the property. As part of the process the preliminary report was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the City's Planning Commission for review, (attached is a letter from the State and a Motion from the Planning Commission). The State accepted the report with minor comment and the Planning Commission supported the HDSC study and recommended it move forward.

The HDSC held a Public Hearing on the report on August 21, 2003 (Minutes attached); in which there were several discussion regarding what the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) would deem acceptable redevelopment of the subject site if it were designated. Based on those conversations, the HDSC determined to delay forwarding the report to Council to allow the owners of the property the opportunity to discuss the future redevelopment with the HDC. Subsequently, over the next two years, several meetings took place with the owners, Staff and the HDC. Multiple options for the redevelopment of the site were discussed but at this point there has been no solution identified that addresses all parties concerns.

In accordance with the Ordinance, it is required that a final report be forwarded to Council within one year of the public hearing, the HDSC held a second public hearing on June 22, 2006. The report has been adjusted to address comments from the SHPO and is being presented to City Council as the Final Report.

Attached is the Final Study Committee Report detailing the reason the district meets the Criteria for designation as a local historic district. The attached report and the process for its completion meet all of the requirements of the City's Ordinance and State Law.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Districts Study Committee recommends to City Council that the Ferry Court District be designated as a Local Historic District within the City of Rochester Hills and the Ordinance be amended accordingly.

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
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