

City Council Agenda Summary Sheet (Non Purchases)

Agenda No: 2004-0905 – Discussion – Proposed Modified Historic District for Rochester College
Date: October 19, 2004
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PURPOSE:

The City's historic Districts Study Committee is requesting that Staff meet with Council regarding the proposed modified Historic District at Rochester College.

DISCUSSION:

At previous meetings City Council proposed that Staff, the Study Committee, and the College investigate the possibility of modifying (reducing) the size of the existing district, in combination with utilizing the PUD process, as a potential solution to the College's request for the delisting of the entire district.

Progress has been made on both the potential PUD text and the modification of the District. However, the district proposed by the college excludes the farmhouse that currently is part of the site (a plan of the proposed district is included). The Study Committee's opinion is that the house is an important part of the district and should be included in the modified district. Both the College and the Study Committee are strong in their opinions regarding the matter.

The Study Committee is requesting input from City Council regarding the size of the modified district and an indication of Council's opinion after considering all factors relative to the College's original request.

The College has indicated that the inclusion of the farmhouse in the proposed modified district would impose a burden on the future development of the College as well as a financial burden related to the continuing maintenance of the structure. They feel that the burden created is not equaled by the historic contribution of the structure to the district.

The Study Committee's opinion is that the contribution of the house to the district is significant enough to justify its inclusion in the modified district. As a Committee charged with generating recommendations to City Council and because Council will make the final decision regarding the College's request, the Committee felt it important to solicit Council's opinion prior to making its recommendation.

Included is information indicating the size of the current district, the College's proposed modified district and the survey sheets for the structures on the site. Representatives from both the Study Committee and the College will be present to answer any questions.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Department Authorization: Ed Anzek, Director of Planning and Development

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