

and the homes were falling into ruin. Mr. Delacourt pointed out that the Historical Preservation Ordinance permitted the Historic Districts Commission and the City to follow-up on properties that were falling into disrepair. There was some discussion regarding the property owner's desire to let a resource fall apart versus the City's ability to enter the property and mothball the structure. It was noted that obnoxious weeds and/or uncut grass was addressed by the City and a lien for the work filed against the property.

The Committee commented their charge was only to research the properties. Mr. Hannick talked about a family that resided near him that told him about an old barn that used to be on their property. Although the prior property owners had wanted to retain the barn, they did not have the funds available to fix it up, and the City required it be demolished as a dangerous building.

Mr. Dziurman commented it was a shame these situations occurred. He noted if a resource is designated as a contributing resource, tax credits would be available for repair and rehabilitation work. Mr. Hannick stated that many residents do not want local designation because they do not want any additional restrictions placed on their property.

Mr. Delacourt noted that currently tax credits are only being given to those resources that qualify for National Register designation. Mr. Dziurman commented that the local designation should be based on the National Register criteria, so they should meet that requirement. Mr. Delacourt stated it appeared to be a matter of whether the resource could document the National Register eligibility before tax credits were given.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)

Chairperson Thompson called for any public comments. No public comments were received.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Thompson suggested the Agenda be amended to include a new Agenda Item 7A, in order to allow the Committee to discuss the Frank Farm and the Stiles School properties. Based on a consensus of the Committee Members, the Agenda was amended to add a new Agenda Item 7A, Discussion Regarding the Frank Farm and the Stiles School Properties.

2006-0425

Request for designation of the Frank Farm Historic District

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bring both properties before City Council with their recommendation.

Mr. Delacourt stated that it had been slightly over a year since the Public Hearings had been held for these two properties, and if they were delayed much longer, another Public Hearing would have to be held for each property.

The Committee agreed both properties should be scheduled for a City Council meeting and moved forward in the process.

Mr. Delacourt pointed out the Committee had made a good faith effort to work with both property owners regarding the proposed designation. He stated the packet information would be forwarded to the Council Coordinator, and the Council President would decide if both properties would be on the same Agenda.

The Committee discussed whether two recommended designations might be too much for one Council Agenda, noting the time that would be spent discussing them. Mr. Delacourt indicated that if the Committee wanted to prepare a PowerPoint presentation on the properties, a copy of the presentation should be included with the packet information. Packet material for the June 1st Council meeting was due to the Council Coordinator by Noon on Friday, May 22, 2009.

Mr. Dziurman stated he had taken some recent photographs and looked up the aerials via Google Earth.

Chairperson Thompson stated that since the reports were ready to go, they would be forwarded to the Council Coordinator for scheduling on the June 1st Council meeting Agenda. He reminded the Committee Members that City Council had changed the start time of their meetings to 7:00 PM.

Mr. Delacourt stated he would forward the Agenda packet materials to the Council Coordinator for scheduling on a Council Agenda. The Committee would be advised if the items were scheduled for the June 1st Council Meeting, and reminded the Committee the meeting would begin at 7:00 PM.

This matter was Discussed

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2005-0537

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