



City Council Agenda Item Report

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SUBJECT: Deliberation and possible action regarding establishment of a Historic Preservation Awards Program.

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Historic Preservation Commission has been discussing the possibility of establishing an awards program to recognize efforts by property owners to restore and improve properties in the historic district. The purpose is three-fold:

- Encourage investment in properties
- Develop a positive perception for the Commission
- Promote the historic district
- Attract public interest in local history

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

The Commission has prepared the attached program for review by City Council.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff estimates that good quality brass plaques with raised relief lettering would cost no more than \$150 each. In addition, this program would promote historic preservation, making it fundable by HOT funds.

4. ACTION OPTIONS/RECOMMENDATION

City Council may discuss and take action to approve, approve with modifications specified, table action pending revisions, or take no action/deny. Staff recommends City Council consider approval of the program.