

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> March 11, 2013
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 25 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>13-0404</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>13-119</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Setting Date of Hearing on issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of Norden Hall at 709 East Locust Street, (3-25-13).

**SYNOPSIS:**

The subject property was designated as a Local Landmark by the City Council on April 17, 2000. The Landmark Review Board is charged with reviewing proposed alterations to the exterior of locally designated landmarks not located in a local historic district and forwarding a recommendation to the City Council. All Certificates of Appropriateness for local landmarks that are not located in a local historic district are issued by the City Council. The State of Iowa wishes to demolish the building and the building to the west to allow for the completion of the “People’s Plaza.” The Capitol Master Plan was adopted and the initial phases of the West Capitol Terrace Improvements were under development in late 2006. Several additional phases of the proposed West Capitol Terrace Improvements have been completed over the years. This request was reviewed by the Landmark Review Board on March 5, 2013. A copy of their recommendation, the staff report, pictures and drawings will be provided for the hearing on March 25, 2013.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The subject property is located near the Pennsylvania Avenue and East Locust Street intersection. It measures 21 feet by 80 feet (1,712 square feet) and contains a two-story row house known as Norden Hall. The building was constructed circa 1880 according to the Polk County Assessor’s webpage. The building was designated as a Local Landmark by the City Council on April 17, 2000. The nomination form states the building predates the State Capitol building (1884-86) and that it was home to three early Scandinavian groups, the Danish Brotherhood, the Danish Sisterhood and the Norden Singing Society.

This request was reviewed by the Landmark Review Board on March 5, 2013. At that meeting the Landmark Review Board voted 9-1 to approve an informal motion to recommend denial of the request. A quorum of members was not present and therefore a formal motion could not be made. A copy of their recommendation, the staff report, pictures and drawings will be provided for the hearing on March 25, 2013.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Landmark Review Board

Date: March 5, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A.

Action: Landmark Review Board voted 9-1 to approve an informal motion to recommend denial of the request. A quorum of members was not present and therefore a formal motion could not be made.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Hearing of the request by the City Council on March 25, 2013.

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