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Agenda Item Number

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Date December 20, 2010

From Sherman Hill Association, Inc. regarding demolition permits for 1918 and 1920 Crocker.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

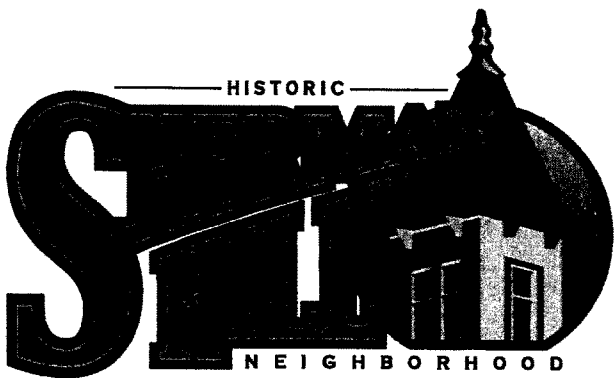
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk



A Distinctive Downtown Neighborhood

December 14, 2010

To: City of Des Moines City Councils members and Mayor

From: Jeffrey D. Macomber, Sherman Hill Association, Inc. – President

Re: No Demolition Permits for 1918 & 1920 Crocker

As some of you may know, Smokey Row is looking at creating new off-street parking on the northwest corner of the Sherman Hill neighborhood for their customers.

One aspect in getting approval for addition parking is a zoning change of property where the parking lot would be located. The affected property is located at 1916, 1918 and 1920 Crocker Street. These addresses are just south of Smokey Row. During the last few months, the Sherman Hill Association, Inc. Board has been working with Smokey Row, neighbors, and interested parties to find a solution that meets the needs of Smokey Row, while also preserving the historic integrity of the neighborhood.

As this dialogue continues, Sherman Hill Association, Inc. Board of Directors is requesting you take action so no Demolition permits are issued for the structures at 1918 and 1920 Crocker. Both structures are considered contributing resources in a National Register eligible distinct. Attach is the documentation.

The intent of this request gives everyone enough time to consider the fact of these resources in our neighborhood.

If you need additional information on our request of action you can contact me at 515.975.2677 or jeffrey.macomber@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY REVIEW
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Review Date: 11/04/2010

Property Information:

Name of Property: House (ISIF #77-10952)
 Historic District: _____ (ISIF # -)
 Multiple Property Form: _____ (HADB # -)
 Address: 1918 Crocker Street
 City & County: Des Moines, Polk County
 Eligibility:

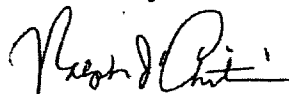
- Insufficient documentation was provided for our review. Please provide the information requested in the "Additional Comments" section, below.
- This property is considered not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places or is "non-contributing" in a listed or eligible historic district. See "Additional Comments" below.
- This property is considered individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
 National Register Criteria: A B C D
- This property is considered "contributing" in a National Register-listed or eligible historic district.
 National Register Criteria: A B C D

Be advised that this determination is preliminary and based solely on the information provided at the time of the review. Additional research and documentation may be needed to actually nominate an "eligible" or "contributing" property to the National Register. That research may ultimately prove that the property is not, in fact, eligible for listing. Additional research may also prove that properties with a preliminary determination of "not eligible" or "non-contributing" are, in fact, eligible.

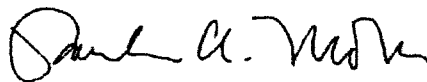
Additional Comments:

This c. 1900 one-story, frame, gable-front and wing cottage was surveyed in 2009 and is included in an amended district nomination for Sherman Hill currently under development. As a contributing resource to the Sherman Hill district, the house is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A (history). Constructed near Woodland Cemetery and in close proximity to its neighbor at 1920 Crocker, this house illustrates the development of small lots to provide modest housing for the working class population in Des Moines. The house is also eligible under Criterion C (architecture) as a good example of a Victorian vernacular dwelling undoubtedly erected by a local contractor-builder.

Reviewed by:



Ralph J. Christian, Historian



Paula A. Mohr, Architectural Historian



A Division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

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Multiple Property Form: (HADB # -)
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City & County: Des Moines, Polk County
Eligibility:

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