

★ Roll Call Number

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Agenda Item Number

49B

Date November 17, 2014

RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING ON APPLICATION FROM JACK PORTER TO DESIGNATE THE "RIVERFRONT YMCA" BUILDING LOCATED AT 101 LOCUST STREET AS A LOCAL LANDMARK, AND APPROVING SAME

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received an application from Jack Porter to designate the Riverfront YMCA building owned by the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and located at 101 Locust Street, as a Local Landmark; and,

WHEREAS, the Landmark Review Board considered the application at a public hearing on September 16, 2014, and its members voted 16-0 in support of a motion to recommend that the Riverfront YMCA building be determined eligible for landmark designation in accordance with Section 58-58 of the City Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission considered the application at a public hearing held on October 2, 2014, its members voted 10-0-1 in support of a motion to recommend DENIAL of the request to designate the Riverfront YMCA building as a Local Landmark, but suggested that City Council work to preserve the art and architecture that can be preserved if possible; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1631, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the application be set down for public hearing on November 3, 2014, in the Council Chambers; and,

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on October 23, 2014, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing; and,

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2014, by Roll Call No. 14-1732, the City Council continued the public hearing on the application until November 17, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with said notice those interested in the application to designate the Riverfront YMCA building as a local Landmark, both for and against, have been given opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. Upon due consideration of the facts, statements of interested persons and arguments of counsel, the objections to the designation of the Riverfront YMCA building as a local Landmark are hereby overruled, and the hearing is closed.
2. The City Council hereby finds that the Riverfront YMCA building satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 58-58 of the City Code for designation as a local Landmark for the following

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reasons:

- a) The building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.
- b) The building is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. The Riverfront YMCA building is an example of the historic YMCA development model of a men's dormitory housing coupled with a public fitness facility.
- c) The building embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type or period, possesses high artistic values, and represents a significant and distinguishable entity. The Riverfront YMCA building is an example of post-war Modernism style, which incorporates large geometric blocks, straight lines, flat roofs and the use of building materials that are economical yet durable.
- d) The historic and architectural significance of the Riverfront YMCA building warrants designation of the building as a local Landmark.

3. The Riverfront YMCA building and grounds, more specifically described as follows, are hereby designated as a local Landmark.

Except streets, Lots 1 through 5 and the intervening vacated North/South alley right-of-way, in Coliseum Place, an Official Plat, all now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to record a certified copy of this resolution and roll call with the Polk County Recorder, and to file a certified copy with the Community Development Department.

MOVED by _____ to adopt and approve the application

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown

Roger K. Brown, Assistant City Attorney

(Council Communication No. 14-)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
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MOORE				
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APPROVED

Mayor

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.

City Clerk