



Roll Call Number

21-1375

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Date August 23, 2021

RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING AND APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE “SNOOKIES NEON SIGN” LOCATED AT 1810 BEAVER AVENUE AS A LOCAL LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines received an application from James Hunter and Connie Conrad-Hunter, Owners of Snookies Malt Shop, to designate the “Snookies Neon Sign” (the “Snookies Neon Sign”) located on the premises of 1810 Beaver Avenue as a local landmark. The property on which this sign stands is legally described as:

LOT 3, EXCEPT THE NORTH 1 FOOT THEREOF; LOT 4 AND THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 5, ALL IN HAZELWOOD, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

and;

WHEREAS, the application contains detailed references to the historical nature of the Snookies Neon Sign in the application; and,

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, upon review of the application, the Landmark Review Board unanimously recommended to the Plan and Zoning Commission that the application be approved; and,

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2021, the Plan and Zoning Commission, by a vote of 13-0, recommended to the Council approval of the application; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-60 requires a public hearing be held to consider the application; and,

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2021, by Roll Call No. 21-1208, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the request for Local Landmark Designation be set down for hearing on August 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register, as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposed Local Landmark Designation; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held pursuant to that notice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des



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Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. The public hearing on the application is hereby closed.
2. The "Snookies Neon Sign" meets the requirements of Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-58 to be designated as a local landmark because the sign:

-Is significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture; and,

-Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

3. The City Council accepts the recommendation of the Landmark Review Board and the Plan and Zoning Commission and grants the application of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department to have the "Snookies Neon Sign" designated a local landmark.

4. The City Clerk is directed to file the designation and description of the "Snookies Neon Sign" with the Development Services Department and record this resolution as the designation and description of "Snookies Neon Sign" in the office of the county recorder.

(Council Communication No. 21-375)

Moved by Gray to grant the application for the Designation of "Snookies Neon Sign" as a local landmark.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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
J. M. Franko Cownie Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk