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18

Date November 3, 2025

**RESOLUTION SETTING HEARING ON REQUEST FROM JOHN M. BEARD (OWNER),
FOR DESIGNATION OF THE W.W. WITMER HOUSE LOCATED AT 2900 GRAND
AVENUE, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK**

WHEREAS, John M. Beard, owner of the property located at 2900 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa (“Property”), has made application to designate the Property as a Local Landmark named “W.W. Witmer House”; and

WHEREAS, the Property is legally described as follows:

THE NORTH 240 FEET OF LOT 1 IN LANGAN PLACE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT,
NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES
MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 5-0-2 to recommend that the “W.W. Witmer House” be designated a local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on October 16, 2025, its members voted 9-0 in support of a motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of a request from the John M. Beard to designate the “W.W. Witmer House” located at 2900 Grand Avenue as a Local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Municipal Code Section 58-60 requires a public hearing be held before the City Council to consider this application.

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

1. That the attached communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission is hereby received and filed.
2. That the meeting of the City Council at which the proposed landmark designation application is to be considered, and at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal, shall be held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5:00 p.m. on November 17, 2025.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said proposal in the accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than four (4) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code.



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MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT. SECOND BY Voss

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Emily A. Duffy

Emily A. Duffy

Assistant City Attorney

CAHP-2025-000048

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		

CERTIFICATE

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

Connie Breen

Mayor

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk