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Date April 7, 2025

RESOLUTION CLOSING HEARING AND APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE ULYSSES S. GRANT SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 1031 23RD STREET, AS A LOCAL LANDMARK, NAMED "ULYSSES S. GRANT SCHOOL"

WHEREAS, the Ulysses S. Grant School building, located at 1031 23rd Street ("Property"), by petition, has been nominated to designate the Ulysses S. Grant School, as a Local Landmark named "Ulysses S. Grant School"; and

WHEREAS, the Property is legally described as follows:

LOTS 5 AND 6, CAIN'S SUBDIVISION OF LOT 3 AND THE NORTH 96 FEET OF LOT 6 BLOCK 3 COTTAGE GROVE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA, AN OFFICIAL PLAT,

AND

-EXCEPT THE NORTH 143.08 FEET-, LOT 7, BLOCK 3, COTTAGE GROVE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT,

AND

-EXCEPT THE NORTH 96.0 FEET-, LOT 6 IN SAID BLOCK 3,

AND

A PART OF LOT 5 IN SAID BLOCK 3, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOW:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 64.0 FEET; THENCE EAST TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, SAID POINT BEING 66.0 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 66.0 FEET TO SAID NORTHEAST CORNER; THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5 AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission voted 5-0-1 to recommend that the "Ulysses S. Grant School" be designated a local Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the application contains detailed references and explanation regarding the historical nature of the building located at 1031 23rd Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised that at a public hearing held on March 6, 2025, its members voted 12-0 in support of a motion to recommend APPROVAL of a petition to designate the Ulysses S. Grant School, as a Local Landmark named "Ulysses S. Grant School"; and



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

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0438, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the request for Local Landmark Designation be set down for hearing on April 7, 2025, 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.

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

1. The public hearing on the application is hereby closed.
2. The "Ulysses S. Grant School" meets the requirements of Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-58 to be designated as a local landmark because the Property located at 1031 23rd Street:
 - 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 Historic Preservation Commission and the Plan and Zoning Commission and grants the petition to have the "Ulysses S. Grant School" designated a local landmark.
4. The City Clerk is directed to file the designation and description of the "Ulysses S. Grant School" with the Development Services Department and record this resolution as the designation and description of "Ulysses S. Grant School" in the office of the county recorder.



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Moved by Mendelbaum to adopt. Second by Coleman

(Council Communication No. 25-140)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill

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Assistant City Attorney

(CAHP-2025-000007)

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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk