



Roll Call Number

26-0079

Agenda Item Number

33A

Date January 12, 2026

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
1917 CENTER STREET**

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission granted an Application from Colbert Properties for a Certificate of Appropriateness subject to conditions for the property located at 1917 Center Street in the Sherman Hill Historic Neighborhood District (Case Number CAHP-2025-000046). The Commission's decision allows for the construction of a new single-family home and garage, subject to the following conditions:

1. Windows or another architectural treatment that provides visual interest shall be added to the rear wall of the garage.
2. The west patio wall shall be lowered to a height that is typical of a standard privacy fence.
3. The visual characteristics of the west patio wall shall be adjusted so there is contrast from the house and garage walls to provide clear visual separation between them. This might be accomplished by changes in color, texture, or other techniques.
4. Review and approval of the final design by the Planning and Urban Design Administrator. The design shall be emailed to the Historic Preservation Commission members for comment prior to approval.
5. Review and approval of the finalized window products by the Planning and Urban Design Administrator.
6. All construction shall be in accordance with all Building and Fire Codes, with issuance of any necessary permit by the City's Permit and Development Center.

WHEREAS, Noah Brinkmeyer, the owner of an adjacent property located at 1921 Cener Street, has appealed the Commission's decision to the City Council pursuant to Section 15.459(3) of the Iowa Code and Section 58-31(f) of the Des Moines Municipal Code. He seeks to have the decision reversed or remanded for reconsideration; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-1680, it was duly resolved by the City Council that the appeal be set down for hearing on January 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on December 31, 2025 and due notice was provided to the appellant and applicant; and



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WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice, those interested in the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.459(3) of the Iowa Code and Section 58-31(f) of the Des Moines Municipal Code provide that on an appeal from action of the Historic Preservation Commission, "the city council shall consider whether the commission has exercised its powers and followed the guidelines established by law and ordinance and whether the commission's action was patently arbitrary or capricious."

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

1. The public hearing on the appeal is hereby closed.
2. The Commission has exercised its powers and followed the guidelines established by law and ordinance, following the Architectural Guidelines for New Construction in Des Moines' Historic Districts.
3. The decision of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the property located at 1917 Center St. is reasonable, is not patently arbitrary or capricious and should be upheld.
4. The City Council AFFIRMS the Certificate of Appropriateness granted by the Historic Preservation Commission subject to conditions in Case Number CAHP-2025-000046



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Moved by Simonson to adopt.

Second by Gatto.

(Council Communication No. 26-001)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Emily A. Duffy

Emily A. Duffy

Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
BARRON	✓			
WESTERGAARD		✓		
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	10	1		

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