

Legislation Text

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Subject:

Discussion on identifying historically and/or architecturally significant structures and areas in Littleton for future historic preservation planning efforts

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of the study session is to discuss the advantages of identifying historically and/or architecturally significant structures and areas within Littleton for future historic preservation planning efforts. For discussion only; no action required at the study session.

Staff will provide an introduction and background information on the former List of Merit, which was eliminated from the city code in 2012.

PRESENTATIONS:

Staff Presenter: Andrea Mimnaugh, Senior Planner

PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:

- 2002: List of Merit was established by ordinance in the city code
- 2010-2011: HPB established a subcommittee of its members to update the List of Merit with additional properties
- 2012: The List of Merit was eliminated from city code

BACKGROUND:

The List of Merit was established by the Historical Preservation Board in April, 2002 with approximately 85 properties. All properties on the List were surveyed in one of the two historic survey projects completed by Cultural Resource Historians in 1999 and 2001 and were determined to have a level of historic significance that may meet the city's criteria for designation as a historic landmark.

Under the historic preservation code, properties on the List of Merit were subject to a 30-day hold period on building permits (including demolition permits). The purpose of the hold period was for historic preservation staff, and in some cases the Historical Preservation Board, to review proposed alterations and work with applicants. The hold period also provided the necessary time to prepare a landmark designation application for the property, if HPB or council felt that it was warranted. However, no designation applications were submitted for List of Merit properties during a 30-day hold.