

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 8

DATE: February 18, 2003

FROM: Karen McWilliams

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 017, 2003, Designating the J. W. Spencer House and Garage, 1007 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the City Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Landmark Preservation Commission and staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The owner of the property, Linda Dunford, initiated this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the J. W. Spencer House and Garage. The property qualifies for designation under Fort Collins Landmark Standard 14-5 (C), Architectural Significance. The property also qualifies for designation on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. This Ordinance was unanimously adopted 6-0 (Councilmember Kastein was absent) on First Reading on February 4, 2003.

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ITEM NUMBER: 13

DATE: February 4, 2003

FROM: Karen McWilliams

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 017, 2003, Designating the J. W. Spencer House and Garage, 1007 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins.

RECOMMENDATION:

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The Landmark Preservation Commission and staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading. At a public hearing held on January 8, 2003, the Landmark Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend designation of this property as a landmark for its architectural importance to Fort Collins.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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The owner of the property, Linda Dunford, is initiating this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the J. W. Spencer House and Garage. The property qualifies for designation under Fort Collins Landmark Standard 14-5 (C), Architectural Significance. The property also qualifies for designation on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The residence exemplifies the Folk Victorian architectural style, with excellent integrity. The detached historic garage, which dates from the period of significance, contributes to the historic and architectural character of the property. A small, non-historic playhouse structure located on the property does not contribute to the property's architectural significance and is not a part of the designation.

HISTORY

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The house at 1007 West Mountain Avenue is a distinctively detailed and well preserved example of small scale Folk Victorian domestic architecture. Constructed circa 1905, it was built with a square plan on a sandstone foundation. The home features a hipped roof with an asymmetrical intersecting front gable, and is clad with narrow lapped board siding. A narrow, corbelled chimney projects from the summit of the roof. The front gable is bellcast with carved bargeboard, and decorated with imbricated shingles and a small rectangular window. An open front porch, with half-wall rail, extends across much of the façade. The porch entry is accented by a pedimented canopy. The canopy's returns do not have the bellcast slope feature of the roof's gable. The porch roof is supported by 4x4 posts with flat, wide capitals. A stepped molding lintel surrounds the main entry. The screen door is scroll sawn in an intricate pattern. Two large, double-hung front windows (1-over-1 and 5-over-1 lights) also grace the façade under the porch roof. A historic detached, one-car garage with front gable sits at the end of an unfinished driveway in the southwest corner of the back yard.