

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 13

DATE: February 18, 2003

FROM: Karen McWilliams

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 022, 2003, Designating the William and Clara Blair House and Garage, 716 West Oak Street, 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 owners of the property, John and Barbara Lueck, initiated this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the William and Clara Blair House and Garage. The property qualifies for designation under Fort Collins Landmark Standard 14-5 (C), Architectural Significance. The property would also likely qualify for individual designation on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The residence exemplifies the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style of the early 1930s, with excellent integrity. The detached garage, which dates from the period of significance, exhibits good integrity with a high level of Craftsman stylistic detail, and contributes significantly to the historic and architectural character of the property. This Ordinance was unanimously adopted 6-0 (Councilmember Kastein was absent) on First Reading on February 4, 2003.

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FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 18

DATE: February 4, 2003

FROM: Karen McWilliams

SUBJECT:

First Reading of Ordinance No. 022, 2003, Designating the William and Clara Blair House and Garage, 716 West Oak Street, 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:

The owners of the property, John and Barbara Lueck, are initiating this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the William and Clara Blair House and Garage. The property qualifies for designation under Fort Collins Landmark Standard 14-5 (C), Architectural Significance. The property would also likely qualify for individual designation on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The residence exemplifies the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style of the early 1930s, with excellent integrity. The detached garage, which dates from the period of significance, exhibits good integrity with a high level of Craftsman stylistic detail, and contributes significantly to the historic and architectural character of the property.

HISTORY

The house, as well as its detached garage, was built in 1932 for William Blair, a local farmer, and his wife Clara. The house exhibits a high level of Craftsman stylistic detail. It has narrow lapped board siding and sits upon a high concrete foundation. A pattern of square and narrow rectangular shingles in the gable ends emphasizes the horizontal lines of this front gabled bungalow. Long, pointed exposed rafter tails are visible as well as exposed purlin and ridge poles. The front porch has wire-cut red brick half walls and paired porch column supports. The home features a box window inset under the gable roof on the east elevation, another distinctive Craftsman element.