

DATE: April 16, 2013
STAFF: Josh Weinberg

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 053, 2013, Designating the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property, 710 Mathews Street, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the City Code.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance, unanimously adopted on First Reading on March 19, 2013, designates the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property at 710 Mathews Street as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of the property, Barbara Liebler, is initiating this request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of First Reading Agenda Item Summary - March 19, 2013
(w/o attachments)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The owner of the property, Barbara Liebler, is initiating this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property at 710 Mathews Street.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The property is eligible for designation as a Landmark under Designation Standard 2, for its association with significant persons in Fort Collins history. The residence was the home of Oliver Chandler, a prominent local farmer and businessman contributing to the early growth of the city. Furthermore as an excellent example of American Foursquare architecture, the property and house contribute to the overall historic character of the city and the Laurel School Historic District.

Constructed in 1909, the house at 710 Mathews was the residence of prominent farmer and businessman Oliver Chandler and his family. Chandler operated several large cattle and sheep farms outside of the city limits. Additionally, he served as a director of the Commercial Bank & Trust Company, the Mountain States Beet Growers Marketing Association, and as treasurer to the Larimer County Stock Feeders' Association. Citizens like Chandler were instrumental to the early development and growth of Fort Collins in the early twentieth century. After the death of Oliver's wife Leota Chandler in 1948, the house functioned as rental, Theta Chi fraternity house, residence, and photography studio over the years.

The house is an excellent, well-preserved example of the American Foursquare form with Colonial Revival façade elements added in the 1960s. A popular style in Colorado during the first three decades of the twentieth century, the American Foursquare was typically constructed with a hipped roof, often with a central dormer, broad overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, and a prominent front porch with hipped roof, supported by classic columns. Alterations in the 1960s removed the original porch and central dormer of this residence. Barbara Liebler, the current owner, has contracted to restore the original porch and dormer to the building. This project would imbue the house with a greater degree of historic integrity while restoring its original appearance. Landmark Designation would greatly benefit Mrs. Liebler in this process.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Recognition of 710 Mathews Street as a Fort Collins Landmark enables its owner to qualify for federal, state and local financial incentive programs available only to designated properties. Additionally, based upon research conducted by Clarion Associates, the property would see an increase in value following designation. Clarion Associates attributed this increase to the fact that future owners also qualify for the financial incentives; the perception that designated properties are better maintained; the appeal of owning a recognized historic landmark; and the assurance of predictability that design review offers.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its February 13, 2013 meeting, the Landmark Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend landmark designation for this property.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location map
2. Historic Landmark Designation Nomination Form and Signed Agreement
3. Staff Report
4. Resolution 4, 2013, Landmark Preservation Commission, Recommending Landmark Designation of the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property.
5. Photographs

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ORDINANCE NO. 053, 2013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
DESIGNATING THE OLIVER AND LEOTA CHANDLER PROPERTY, 710 MATHEWS
STREET, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, AS A FORT COLLINS LANDMARK PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-2 of the City Code, the City Council has established a public policy encouraging the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of landmarks within the City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated February 13, 2013, the Landmark Preservation Commission (the "Commission") has determined that the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property has significance to Fort Collins under Landmark Designation Standard (2), for its association with prominent Fort Collins agriculturalist Oliver Chandler; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has further determined that said property meets the criteria of a landmark as set forth in Section 14-5 of the City Code and is eligible for designation as a landmark, and has recommended to the City Council that said property be designated by the City Council as a landmark; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property, Barbara M. Liebler, has consented to such landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, such landmark designation will preserve the property's significance to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Commission and desires to approve such recommendation and designate said property as a landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the property known as the Oliver and Leota Chandler Property, and the adjacent lands upon which the historical resource is located in the City of Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado, described as follows, to wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 147, CITY OF FORT COLLINS, COUNTY OF LARIMER,
STATE OF COLORADO. Also known by street number as 710 Mathews Street, Fort
Collins, Colorado 80524

be designated as a Fort Collins landmark in accordance with City Code Chapter 14.

Section 2. That the criteria in Section 14-48 of the City Code will serve as the standards by which alterations, additions and other changes to the buildings and structures located upon the above described property will be reviewed for compliance with Chapter 14, Article III, of the City Code.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 19th day of March, A.D. 2013, and to be presented for final passage on the 16th day of April, A.D. 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 16th day of April, A.D. 2013.

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