

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 15

DATE: June 6, 2006

STAFF: Karen McWilliams

SUBJECT

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 083, 2006, Designating the Ernest and Anna Meyer House, 309 East Mulberry Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, as a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the City Code.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on Second Reading.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ordinance No. 083, 2006, which was unanimously adopted on First Reading on May 16, 2006, designates the Ernest and Anna Meyer House as a Fort Collins Landmark. The owner of the property, Linda J. Bova, is initiating this request.

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DATE: May 16, 2006

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SUBJECT

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First Reading of Ordinance No. 083, 2006, Designating the Ernest and Anna Meyer House, 309 East Mulberry 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 First Reading. At a public hearing held on April 12, 2006, the Landmark Preservation Commission unanimously recommended 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 J. Bova, is initiating this request for Fort Collins Landmark designation for the Ernest and Anna Meyer House. The property qualifies for designation as a Fort Collins Landmark under Preservation Standard (3), embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction, and contributing to the historical and architectural significance of Fort Collins. Built in 1905 by Ora E. Long, this brick dwelling is a very nice example of Late 19th-Early 20th century Eclectic residential architecture, with distinctive "Pagoda" influence. The home is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado Register of Historic Properties, as a contributing element of the Laurel School National Register District.

BACKGROUND

The Ernest and Anna Meyer House is a very good example of the Late 19th-Early 20th century Eclectic architecture, with a distinctive "Pagoda" influence. The home, which sits on a high sandstone block foundation, features a bellcast hipped roof with substantial overhangs, boxed eaves and wide-stepped fascia board. A "Pagoda - style" hipped dormer is centered on the front façade. This dormer contains an interesting 24-light attic window. An inset entry porch is located on the east side of the facade, with a single massive Tuscan column at the corner. The porch provides access to the home via either of two entry doors, one located on the facade, the other on the porch's west elevation. Windows are inset in rectangular openings with dressed sandstone lugsills. A hipped-roof brick vestibule projects from the east side, near the back end of the house. Sitting on a raised, formed concrete foundation, it features a single eight-light entry door under a triangular roof pediment. This roughly 8-foot by 10-foot addition dates to 1949, when a building permit was

obtained by Mrs. Ruth Lea. An enclosed wood porch "summer room" spans the full width of the home's rear. Assessor's records suggest this addition dates to the early 1970s. It was added to an earlier historic, wood frame mud-porch, located at the southwest corner of the home. Resting on a concrete foundation, it is clad with wide-lapped siding with sliding windows in pairs and bands of three. While a non-compatible later addition, this porch is not readily visible.

In 1905, Ernest and Anna Meyer contracted with local builder Ora E. Long to construct a 6-room brick dwelling and barn at a cost of approximately \$3,500. Ernest Meyer was the proprietor of a harness and saddlery shop, originally located at 245 Linden Street. The Meyers had two sons, Ernest A. and Albert T., who, in 1906, were both students at the Colorado Agricultural College. They also had a younger daughter, Freda. Albert Meyer assisted his father in his shop, first as a clerk, then as a harness maker, and eventually as the proprietor, taking over the business when his father retired. The Meyers remained at this East Mulberry Street address for only a short time, before moving to the property at 424 West Oak. By 1908, the home belonged to Thomas A. Garrett. At the turn of the 20th century, Mr. Garrett served as the City Clerk, as well as Superintendent of Waterworks, Sewers and Drains, and of Grandview Cemetery. Between 1925 and 1936, the property was the residence of Clair O. Scott, grandson of William Osborn, the first Larimer County judge and the first settler of European descent in Loveland. Scott was a 1912 graduate of Fort Collins High School, and, following a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin, received a master's degree in agronomy from the Colorado Agricultural College (now CSU) in 1917. Scott and his wife Esther farmed and fed sheep in the Ault and Fort Collins areas. Utilizing his economics background, Scott also was a real estate broker for thirty years, and a land appraiser for the Horsetooth part of the Colorado Big Thompson Project. The next owner was Mrs. Ruth Lea, who owned the property between 1938 and 1962. In 1940, Mrs. Lea was proprietor of the Jenny Wren Candy Shop, located at 147 South College Avenue. Residing with Mrs. Lea in her Mulberry Street home at this time were a son, Kenneth, a student, and her 17 year-old daughter, Barbara. By 1954, Mrs. Lea was teaching in the Pierce schools, and the home was rented out during much of her ownership. By 1966, the property had been acquired by the Trinity Lutheran Church for use as a classroom annex. Beginning circa 1970, the home was used for Fort Collins' Meals on Wheels program, sponsored by Trinity Lutheran. In the early 1980s, the property had reverted back to its residential status, and belonged to the Fred and Mary Tschirley family. Kathy J. Blomstrom purchased the home in 1994, who in turn sold it in May 2004 to its current owner, Linda J. Bova.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 5, 2006 of the Landmark Preservation Commission Recommending Landmark designation of the Ernest and Anna Meyer House, 309 East Mulberry Street.
2. Landmark Preservation Commission staff report dated April 12, 2006.

ORDINANCE NO. 083, 2006
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
DESIGNATING THE ERNEST AND ANNA MEYER HOUSE,
309 EAST MULBERRY 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 historic landmarks within the City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated April 12, 2006, the Landmark Preservation Commission ("Commission") has determined that the Ernest and Anna Meyer House has architectural importance to the City, embodying the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction, and contributing to the historical and architectural significance of Fort Collins, as a very nice example of Late 19th-Early 20th century Eclectic residential architecture, with distinctive "Pagoda" influence; 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 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 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 historic landmark.

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

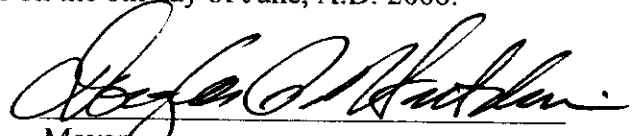
Section 1. That the property historically known as the Ernest and Anna Meyer House, including the adjacent lands upon which the historic building is located, in the City of Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado, described as follows, to wit:

Part of the West Half of Lot 4, Block 145, Fort Collins; more particularly, Beginning at Northwest Corner of Lot 4, thence East 50.00 feet; thence South 113.5 feet; thence North 89° 26'; thence West 50.00 feet; thence North 113.5 feet to point of beginning; also known as 309 East Mulberry Street

be, and hereby is, designated as a Fort Collins Landmark pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins.


Section 2. That the Secretary of the Interior's standards and guidelines for the treatment of historic properties 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 Code of the City of Fort Collins.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 16th day of May, A.D. 2006, and to be presented for final passage on the 6th day of June, A.D. 2006.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk / Chief Deputy

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 6th day of June, A.D. 2006.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk