

Memo

To: Historic Preservation Committee

Fr: Trevor Fuller, Planning and Zoning Administrator

Re: DISCUSSION: LOCAL DESIGNATIONS AND LOCAL DESIGNATION CRITERIA

Date: 21 April 2017

The Historic Preservation Committee has previously discussed locally designating structures and the impacts such designation would have on property owners and projects. The most recent discussion included the “Murphy-Cowles Estate Fence” and the impacts this designation would have on the property owners and the reconstruction of STH 57/Riverside Drive.

Craig Berndt, Director of Public Works, will be present to discuss the efforts made by the Wisconsin DOT with the property owners, the consensus reached between the parties, and the potential impacts local designation could have to the STH 57 reconstruction project.

Below are sections relating to local designation from Chapter 248, Historic Preservation, of the Village Ordinances.

Section 248-2 Definitions.

Historic District

A place or area designated as a historic district by the Village Board on recommendation of the Committee or listed by the state or on the National Register as such. In order to be designated, the following requirements shall be met: the historic district is listed by the state or on the National Register as such or may contain, within definable geographic boundaries, one or more historic structures along with such other buildings, places or areas which, while not of such historic significance to be designated as historic structures, nevertheless contribute to the overall visual character of the historic structure or structures located within the district.

Historic Structure

Any improvement which has a special character or special historic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the Village and which has been designated as a historic structure pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or listed by the state or on the National Register

Section 248-4 Historic structure, site, and district designation criteria.

- A. For purposes of this chapter, a historic structure, historic site, or historic district designation may be placed on any site, natural or improved, including any building, improvement or structure located thereon, or any area of particular historic, architectural, archaeological or cultural significance to the Village, such as historic structures, sites, or districts which:
 - 1) Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community;
 - 2) Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history;
 - 3) Embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
 - 4) Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect who influenced his age; or
 - 5) Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history.
- B. The Committee shall adopt specific operating guidelines for historic structure, historic site and historic district designation provided such are in conformance with the provisions of this chapter