

City of Detroit
CITY COUNCIL

Historic Designation Advisory Board

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HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

RE: Petition #810, Eventide Property Holdings, LLC (owner), requesting the withdrawal of designation for the Park Avenue Hotel Historic District Designation located at 2643 Park Avenue and the appointment of ad hoc representatives in connection to this matter.

The staff serving the HDAB has received a copy of petition #810, from Eventide Property Holdings, LLC for the withdrawal of designation for the Park Avenue Hotel Local Historic District. As the Council members know, this was a single-building historic district, and the building was demolished on July 11, 2015.

The Historic District Commission approved the demolition of the Park Avenue Hotel at their June 10, 2015 meeting and issued a Notice to Proceed dated June 19, 2015.

In accordance to state law, all local historic designations have a defined land boundary, and the land remains with an historic district regardless of action taken in regard to buildings within that historic district (Michigan Local Historic District Act and Chapter 25, Article II of the 1984 Detroit City Code). If the site were not designated, no action would be indicated at this time.

As this is a matter of proposed legislation, and the function of the Historic Designation Advisory Board is to advise Council on legislation, we have scheduled this matter for discussion and adoption of a recommendation by the Advisory Board at its meeting of September 10, 2015. Their recommendation should be before you very shortly thereafter. Since the demolition of the Park Avenue Hotel has removed the sole structure from the historic district all of its historic and/or architectural significance, this staff will recommend to the Advisory Board that they support the withdrawal of designation.

A resolution directing the Historic Designation Advisory Board to conduct a study is attached for your consideration.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____:

WHEREAS, The City Council has received a request for the withdrawal of designation for the Park Avenue Hotel as an local historic district, and

WHEREAS, the property to be studied is located at 2643 Park Avenue, and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that there are reasonable grounds for such a request,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby directs the Historic Designation Advisory Board study committee to determine whether the Park Avenue Hotel Historic District meets the criteria for the withdrawal of designation and to issue appropriate reports in accordance with the Michigan Local Historic District Act and Chapter 25, Article II of the 1985 City of Detroit Code.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____:

WHEREAS, The City Council has adopted a resolution directing study for the withdrawal of designation of the Park Avenue Hotel Historic District, and

WHEREAS, The Historic District Ordinance (Chapter 25-2) requires the appointment of Ad hoc members to the Historic Designation Advisory Board to represent the interest of property owners and those having a demonstrated interest in this historic district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council appoints; Ms. Emily Palacios, 101 North Main Street, 7th Floor, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 and Mr. Rod Blake, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48102 as Ad hoc members of the Historic Designation Advisory Board in connection with the study for the withdrawal of designation for the Park Avenue Hotel Historic District.

Should Your Honorable Body adopt that resolution, you must appoint two persons to serve as Ad hoc members of the Advisory Board in connection with this matter. A resolution of appointment is attached for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janese Chapman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment

Cc: City Clerk

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