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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson Ralph Lewis and Planning Commission Members
FROM: Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning and Development
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: Suggested Code Amendments regarding Design Flexibility for Properties on the National Register of Historic Places

ISSUE

The issue before the Planning Commission is the consideration of suggested amendments to the criteria for approval of applications for site plan review that would provide a level of flexibility from the Code's design standards for properties on the National Register of Historic Places. As mentioned in the staff report for the January meeting, there are currently three properties within the City that are on the Register: Brown House, Deitrich building, and Hobson-Gehlen building. The Commission discussed this topic at its January meeting, and indicated it was open to considering these amendments.

The suggested amendment creates a new paragraph in the approval criteria for the Site Plan Review process that states that properties on the National Register do not need to meet all of the development and improvement standards or the access management standards of the Code if the property will be developed in accordance with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, the site will provide safe ingress and egress and the adequate stormwater management will be provided.

The suggested amendment also includes a number of housekeeping changes to Section 17.20.220

Should the Planning Commission be comfortable with the amendment, we can schedule a public hearing for the March meeting.

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