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KIRKWOOD LANDMARKS COMMISSION

August 23, 2010

Re: Proposal of Designation of North Taylor as Local Historic District

Dear Property Owner:

Due to the pending sale of the landmark home at 750 North Taylor Avenue, it has been noted that if demolished and developed into new homes, those homes will not be afforded the benefit of receiving historic preservation advice to enhance and maintain the character of the neighborhood. This spurred a petition from neighbors with a majority in favor of a local historic district, which would afford protections to the rest of the neighborhood, including the temporary stay of demolition and design review for new construction of homes and outbuildings. The owners in support of preservation asked the Landmarks Commission to propose a Local Landmark designation for the neighborhood, of which your property would be considered part of the proposed district.

The City of Kirkwood Landmarks Commission will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the request of property owners to designate North Taylor as a local historic district under the authority provided at 12 ½ - 9 of the City of Kirkwood Code. Sections 12 ½ - 10 & 11 sets forth the various procedures and standards for the establishment of local historic districts. **The Public Hearing will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 11, 2010 in room 300 of Kirkwood Community Center, 111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.**

The area under consideration for designation as a local historic district is described generally as follows:

All properties addressed in Kirkwood on North Taylor Avenue in the ranges of 216 to 324 and 400 to 1049; and on 202 to 218 East Adams Avenue; and on 212 to 219 East Washington Avenue; and on 214 to 220 Orrick Lane; and on 208 to 221 East Bodley Avenue; and on 133 & 145 East Essex Avenue; and on 1 to 4 Churchill Lane; and on 620 to 625 Ericson Place; and on 219 to 243 Longview Boulevard; and on 1 to 10 Taylor Estates Street; and on 2 to 25 Taylor Woods Drive; and on 126 to 130 Swan Avenue; and on 1 & 8 Sunset Lane; and on 204 East Sarah Avenue; and on 144 & 145 East Maple Avenue.

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A local historic district will can eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This listing carries *no* restrictions on your property, and has benefits beyond the honorific. It brings recognition of a community's historic importance and assists in preserving our nation's and Kirkwood's heritage. If listed as a contributing resource on the National Register, you may be eligible for State & Federal tax credits for qualified improvements you make to your property. For more information, see:
WWW.DNR.MO.GOV/SHPO/NATIONAL.HTM

Comments and questions may be sent to Alan Lamberg, Staff Liaison to the Landmarks Commission: LAMBERAB@KIRKWOODMO.ORG, or mail: 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Suite 006, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Phone: 314-984-6965.

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend or participate in a meeting should call the City at 822-5801 or 822-5858 (TDD) at least 48 hours before the meeting.

The City of Kirkwood, through its Landmarks Commission, proudly recognizes and preserves properties that represent or reflect elements of Kirkwood's thriving cultural heritage and architectural history. Kirkwood was the first of forty cities in Missouri to be certified by the State of Missouri's Historic Preservation Office. Current members of the commission include local residents with expertise in the fields of architecture, construction, real estate, as well as history and preservation. There are more than 90 properties designated Kirkwood Landmarks and four local historic districts comprised of over 180 contributing properties.

Should the North Taylor designation occur, applications for permits for demolition and/or new construction on your property would be sent to the Landmarks Commission for review and comment. In the past, the Commission has contributed valuable assistance to landmark and district owners on architectural and historical considerations in the spirit of preserving the significance of the property. The Commission is eminently qualified to provide historical and architectural advice.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Alan Lamberg, MPA
City Staff Liaison to the Kirkwood Landmarks Commission