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Staff Report

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To: Historic Review Board

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From: Planner Trevor Martin

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SUBJECT:

HR 17-02: Historic Review Board review of a request to reduce the designation of an individually designated historic property outside of a historic district and construct minor pedestrian and vehicular improvements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion): Staff recommends the Historic Review Board approve Planning file HR 17-02 with conditions.

BACKGROUND:

The subject site is an individually designated landmark outside of a historic district, known as the Erwin Charles Hackett House. The site is developed with an office building and an associated parking lot within the Mixed Use Downtown District. The applicant is not proposing any changes to the existing building itself, but rather to the site on which the building is located. The changes include expanding and upgrading the parking lot and providing vehicular and pedestrian connection to a proposed adjacent development which includes a 5 story hotel. Future development will be reviewed by the Planning Division in a separate process. Staff has recommended reducing the size of the individually designated landmark to the structure and the adjacent landscaped area which extends to the property boundary as well as the adjacent parking lot. In addition, this analysis includes a recommendation that the Historic Review Board approve the proposed pedestrian and vehicular changes on the reduced landmark. The applicant has proposed to mitigate the reduction of the landmark with installation of additional screening measures to soften the impact of any proposed development.

The Erwin Charles Hackett House, commonly referred to as the Hackett House, was listed to the Oregon City Local register of Historic Places in 1985. According to the nomination Statement of Significance "Erwin C. Hackett was the son of early Oregon pioneers, and who became an individual of local political prominence, serving as chief deputy of Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in 1915, and as mayor of Oregon City between 1916 and 1919; he later served as Clackamas County Recorder. The house was built by Indiana-born George Gray and his wife Dora (Smith) on land they purchased in 1893. Gray was a local teacher. The house was sold in 1908, and purchased by Erwin C. Hackett. The house is significant for its association with Erwin Hackett, a prominent local citizen and politician, and for its unusual tower".

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount:

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