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Staff Report

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Status: Public Hearing

To: City Commission

Agenda #: 6a.

From: Community Development Director Laura Terway

File Type: Planning Item

SUBJECT:

AP 17-04: Appeal of the Historic Review Board's August 22, 2017 Decision to Approve the Designs of Six (6) Cottage Style Homes in the Canemah Historic District

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Based on the analysis and findings, Staff recommends that City Commission deny the appeal and affirm the Historic Review Board's decision approving file MD 17-01 - MD 17-06 with conditions. If needed, staff will return on December 6, 2017 with findings for adoption consistent with the Commission's deliberation and decision.

BACKGROUND:

On August 22, 2017, the Oregon City Historic Review Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the proposed six (6) unit cottage style development with conditions of approval (MD 17-01, MD 17-02, MD 17-03, MD 17-04, MD 17-05, and MD 17-06), including elimination of one unit (Unit #2), resulting in the approval of a development including five (5) dwelling units on four lots. The five homes vary in size between 600 to 1,100 square feet. The development has been proposed near the corner of 4th Ave and Miller St., within the Canemah Historic District. Two homes that contribute to the significance of the Historic District flank both sides of the properties' 4th Avenue frontage, including the Casady House located at the corner of 4th Ave and Miller Street, which is highly visible. The property is encumbered by geologic hazards, a wetland and has an approximately 1200 square foot unimproved alley right of way running along the east side, connecting to 4th Avenue and running parallel to Miller Street. For this reason, the request included a number of preservation incentives to allow a portion of the proposed development to be located within the setbacks.

The notice of appeal filed by the Friends of Canemah and Paul Edgar, identifies 11 appeal issues. OCMC 17.50.190 provides that only those issues raised in the notice of appeal may be considered before the City Commission on appeal. Therefore, no issues, beyond those raised in the notice of appeal may be considered. Mr. Edgar submitted written and oral testimony on behalf of the Friends of Canemah and as an individual and as a result, both parties have standing to appeal. This matter is to be considered by the Commission on the record; no new evidence is allowed and parties must have standing.