

June 26, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance – Proposed Local Landmark designation at 3060 Durrell Avenue (Hoffman School) in Evanston

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Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

DESIGNATING the Hoffman School and school grounds located at 3060 Durrell Avenue in the Evanston neighborhood as a local historic landmark and site.

Summary

The applicant, Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA), is requesting a Local Historic Landmark designation for the property generally located at 3060 Durrell Avenue (including the Hoffman School building and adjacent athletic field) at the southeast corner of Durrell Avenue and Merrimac Street in Evanston as shown in Attachment A. Chapter 1435 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code establishes the application process for designation of historic assets, landmarks, and districts and allows non-owners, such as local community organizations and preservation associations to submit applications for consideration.

The Christ Temple Baptist Church currently owns the property and is opposed to the proposed designation. The owner has plans to sell the building to a local developer who wishes to demolish the building to construct new housing. The site is currently zoned Residential Mixed (RMX).

On June 2, 2023, the City Planning Commission voted to not recommend the Local Landmark designation of the Hoffman School at 3060 Durrell Avenue in Evanston to City Council.