

February 9, 2022



Cincinnati City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Ordinance captioned as follows:

DESIGNATING the Benjamin Stewart Home located at 5540 Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood as a historic landmark.

Summary:

The Applicant Team, which consists of the Madisonville Community Council and PLK Communities, are requesting that the Benjamin Stewart Home is designated as a historic landmark. On November 2, 2021, a complete application for the Local Historic Landmark designation of the Benjamin Stewart Home was submitted by the Madisonville Community Council. This was done in conjunction with PLK Communities in response to a community benefits agreement that was signed between the two parties, in association with the new development (The Jameson) on the same parcel as the proposed landmarked building. According to the Cincinnati Zoning Code (§1435-07-2-B), an application for the designation of a Local Historic Landmark shall be forwarded to the City Planning Commission following a public hearing of the Historic Conservation Board.

On December 20, 2021, the Historic Conservation Board (HCB) held a public hearing on the Local Historic Landmark designation application. After receiving evidence and testimony from the Urban Conservator and proponents of the designation, a quorum of five board members voted unanimously to approve and recommend the Benjamin Stewart Home to City Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

The designation is consistent with both *Madisonville Neighborhood Business District Urban Renewal Plan (2002)* and *Plan Cincinnati (2012)*.

City Planning Commission and the Administration recommends approval of this Ordinance.

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| Motion to Approve: | Ms. Sesler | Ayes: | Mr. Juech Ms. Kearney Ms. McKinney Mr. Eby Mr. Stallworth Mr. Samad Ms. Sesler |
| Seconded: | Ms. Kearney | | |

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katherine Keough-Jurs".

Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director
Department of City Planning and Engagement

KKJ: jmu
Encl.: Staff Report, Ordinance

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To: Office of the Clerk of Council

From: Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement *KKJ*

Copies to: Jesse Urbancsik, City Planner

Subject: **Ordinance – Benjamin Stewart Home – Local Historic Landmark Designation**

The above referenced Ordinance is ready to be scheduled for Committee. We are requesting that this item be scheduled for the next available the Equitable Growth and Housing Committee meeting. This item requires a public hearing and notice in the City Bulletin 14 days before the public hearing.

Included in this submission are the following items:

- 1) The transmittal letter to the Equitable Growth and Housing Committee;
- 2) A copy of the Planning Commission staff report dated February 4, 2022;
- 3) The Ordinance to designate the Benjamin Stewart Home as a Local Historic Landmark in Madisonville;
- 4) The mailing labels for notification of all property owners within 400 feet, Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation and the Madisonville Community Council; and
- 5) A copy of the mailing labels for your records.