
Requested Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-273

Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill 2017-273
2) Planning Report
3) Commission Minutes

Planning/Community Development Manager: Troy Bolander

Finance Director: Leslie Haase

City Attorney: Peter C. Edwards

City Manager: Samuel L. Anselm

Board or Commission: Planning and Zoning Commission Date: 09/11/17

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 5 In Favor, 2 Absent

SUMMARY/REQUEST:

Case 025-17: A Portion of Spring Park, located at the SW Corner of 6th and Elm Streets - A request to apply district HP (Historic Overlay District) to the site of the Reverend Harris Joplin Home - Jill Sullivan.

STAFF SUMMARY:

This is a request by Jill Sullivan to nominate the site of the Reverend Harris Joplin Home as a local historic landmark. This site is the approximate location of Reverend Joplin's Cabin on his approximately 80-acre estate. In the 1840's the site was part of land owned by Reverend Harris G. Joplin, the City of Joplin's namesake. Joplin's 80-acre estate includes much of what is currently known as "East Town" and what was historically Joplin City. The site's association with one of the City's founding fathers is significant.

Per the regulations of the historic preservation ordinance, the structure must meet one or more of the criteria for nomination as a local historic landmark. Staff believes the Reverend Harris Joplin Home meets Criteria B: Its location as a site of a significant local, county, state, or national event.

The Historic Preservation Committee recommended approval of Case 025-17.

Staff recommends approval of Case 025-17.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

Ms. Jill Sullivan, 721 North Sergeant, Joplin, MO. She spoke in support of the nomination. She is also representing the Historic Preservation Commission. The parcel is a portion of the Reverend Harris Joplin Estate. It is believed to be the approximate location of his cabin home.

The whole parcel, which is owned by the City, was included in the request and would still be maintained by the City of Joplin.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.