City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: December 4, 2017

Item: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-283
Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Copy of Council Bill 2017-283
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: 11/13/17

Recommended Action: Planning and Zoning Commission forwarded without recommendation by a vote of "3 in Favor, 3 Nay, 1 Absent."

SUMMARY/REQUEST:

Case 034-17: 212 W 8th Street – A request to apply District HP (Historic Overlay), and nominate as a local landmark, the building known as Memorial Hall – Jill Sullivan.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Any structure, property, or area that meets one or more of the above criteria shall also have sufficient integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship to make it worthy of preservation or restoration. (Ord. No. 86-31, § 1, 3-17-86)

After review, staff believes Memorial Hall meets several criteria including:

Criteria 1: Its character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state, or country.

Criteria 3: Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or country.

Criteria 5: Its identification as the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, state, or country.

Criteria 8: Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.)

Criteria 10: Its suitability for preservation or restoration.

The Historic Preservation Committee recommended approval of Case 034-17.

Staff recommends approval of Case 034-17.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TESTIMONY:

Mrs. Jill Sullivan, 721 N. Sergeant, Joplin, MO 64801 appeared before the commission. Mrs. Sullivan stated that Memorial Hall meets five (5) of the ten (10) criteria for nomination as a local Historic Landmark. The Historic Preservation Commission believes it meets 1, 3, 5 8, and 10. This is very significant because usually a nomination recommendation only meets one or two of the criteria items.

Mrs. Sullivan went through each criterion and explained how and why they met each one. The Historic Preservation Commission is in the process of putting Memorial Hall on the National Registry. The Historic Preservation Commission has secured grant funding through SHPO and completion by July 1, 2018 for the nomination. Connect2Culture does understand the difference between Local Landmark designation and the National Registry designation. Speaking with Connect2Culture and Mr. Wert, their statement was to help and be attentive to the process and to prepare to appear before any necessary body to keep the National Register moving forward.

Mrs. Steele made some comments about this case. She stated that in 1981 to 1987, the Parks and Recreation Board met in Memorial Hall, which she served on that board, and was advised at that time the building was structurally unsound and it would be prohibited to renovate the building. The building as it stands now is unsuitable for handicap, both outside and inside. The architecture of the building has been compromised. To designate it as an architectural structure since it has been renovated 3-4 times and hard for her to accept. The Veterans should be remembered with a lovely thing whatever that may be. A plaza for all branches of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.