

Council Communication

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Presentation regarding Ashland's historic districts

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SUMMARY

This is a presentation by local historian George Kramer regarding the history and purpose of Ashland's historic districts. The Historic Commission voted at its May 3, 2016, meeting to endorse the idea of having Mr. Kramer do this presentation to the Council.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The City of Ashland has four historic districts. Quoting from the City web site: "The purpose of historic districts is to maintain the City's links with the past and encourage the restoration and rehabilitation of the City's old homes and commercial structures. These old buildings represent the aspirations and attainments of past eras. These material links with the City's history preserve the character of the City and avoid the sameness and standardization that can contribute to a feeling of rootlessness and a lack of sense of place in many cities."

Councilor Voisin suggested to the Historic Commission at its March 3, 2016, meeting that local history expert George Kramer present the background and purpose of historic districts to the Council and the Commission unanimously supported that idea.

COUNCIL GOALS SUPPORTED:

N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:

N/A.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

N/A.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

