

To:

Mario Panjagua

Deputy City Manager

Date: October 16, 2015

From:

Alan Stephenson

Planning and Development Director

Subject: REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE ON ITEM 86 FOR OCTOBER 21, 2015 FORMAL AGENDA - PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE G-5753 - Z-24-12-6 -

HISTORIC OVERLAY OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE

Staff recommends a continuance of Item 86, Public Hearing/Ordinance G-5753 - Z-24-12-6 - Historic Overlay of Frank Lloyd Wright House, to the March 2, 2016 Formal Agenda.

The original request in 2012 was to rezone 2.45 acres located approximately 310 feet north of the northeast corner of Exeter Boulevard and Rubicon Avenue from RE-35 to RE-35 HP-L to designate the David and Gladys Wright House as a Historic Preservation-Landmark. This request was initiated by the Planning Commission and recommended for approval by the Historic Preservation Commission, the Camelback East Village Planning Committee and the Planning Commission. The 2012 case was continued from the December 17, 2014 City Council agenda to October 21, 2015 at the request of the property owner.

The property owner has requested the withdrawal of the City application in the letter dated October 13, 2015 from Mary R. O'Grady and Meghan Grabel of Osborn Maledon (attached). The letter lists a number of reasons for the case to be withdrawn. The property owner has filed their own designation request for a larger 6.1 acre parcel (Z-53-15-6). This 2015 request has yet to be scheduled for the required hearings.

City Council should be aware that if the 2012 case is withdrawn, the applicant has the ability to withdraw the 2015 pending application up until the time the Planning Commission's report and recommendation are forwarded to the City Council. While the existing 2.45 acre parcel is under consideration for designation, the Historic Preservation Officer has the ability to deny a request for demolition. If Z-24-12-6 application is withdrawn, the City will lose the ability to deny issuance of a demolition permit for this important historic resource.

Staff recommends City Council continue Z-24-12-6 (the original request) to the March 2, 2016 Formal Agenda, which is when staff anticipates Z-53-15-6 (the new application) will come before City Council along with the companion special permit case for accessory commercial and educational uses.

Approved:

Mario Paniagua