



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal
Office Building
300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2021-322

Agenda Item# D.3.

Agenda Date: 10/19/2021. **Department:** Planning

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Public Hearing Agenda

Title: 2021 – 322 Ordinance Designating Historical Landmark for the Laura Brockmann House at 716 Walker Avenue

Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.

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- Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
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- Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: 3

Public Hearing: Yes

Advertising Date/By: October 7 and October 14, 2021/by City Clerk

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PURPOSE:

Request public hearing be held to consider Landmark designation for the Laura Brockmann House, 716 Walker Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The City received a recommendation from the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission to designate the Laura Brockmann House, 716 Walker Avenue, a Guilford County Historic Landmark. The proposed designation includes the entire exterior and the entire interior of the house. The full report on the house can be found in [the Application for Guilford County Local Historic Landmark Designation](#).

The Laura Brockman House is important because of its association with Laura Louise Brockmann who, along with her brother Charles, was hired in 1899 by Dr. Charles Duncan McIver to teach instrumental music. Dr. McIver was the founder of the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG). The house is also significant as an intact example of the Queen

Anne, a popular residential architectural style in Greensboro during late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Landmark designation makes the owner eligible for a deferral of up to 50% of City and County property taxes. The total appraised value of the property is \$263,400. The tax deferral is calculated by the Guilford County Tax Department based on the percentage of the property that is designated.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

No account number is needed.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council adopt the ordinance establishing Landmark Designation for the Laura Brockmann House, 716 Walker Avenue following a public hearing.