PASSED: 8-0

ORDINANCE 99-37

TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION " TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC DISTRICT

Re: The "Parks Home" Located at 821 West Sixth Street
(Michael W. Conner, Petitioner)

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance 95-20 which created a Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) and established procedures for designating historic districts in the City of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the Commission held a public hearing on August 12, 1999 for the purpose of allowing discussion and public comment on the proposed historic district designation of the building located at 821 West Sixth Street; and

WHEREAS, at the August 12, 1999 meeting the Commission found that the building has historic and architectural significance that merits the protection of the property as a historic district; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared a map and written report which accompanies the map and validates the proposed district by addressing the criteria outlined in BMC 8.08.10; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has recommended local historic designation of the building located at 821 West Sixth Street;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA. THAT:

SECTION 1. The Common Council accepts and approves the map submitted by the Historic Preservation Commission, which sets forth the proposed historic district for the property located at 821 West Sixth Street, and the accompanying report, which addresses the criteria supporting this designation. A copy of the map is attached to and made a part of this ordinance and a further description of the property is provided below:

Lot #12 in Davis First Addition to the City of Bloomington

SECTION 2. The Common Council hereby establishes this historic district and amends Chapter 8.20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled "List of Designated Historic Districts," to include the "Parks Home" located at "821 West Sixth Street."

SECTION 3. The Common Council classifies this historic property as "Contributing."

SECTION 4. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of October, 1999.

Patricia Cole

TIMOTHY MAYER, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Susan P. Wanzer
Deputy Clerk

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 25th day of October, 1999.

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED AND APPROVED by me upon this 27th day of October, 1999.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance adds 821 West Sixth Street to the List of Designated Historic Districts in the City of Bloomington. The Bloomington Historic Preservation Commission recommended the designation after investigating an application submitted by the owner of the property, Michael W. Conner. The ordinance establishes the district and classifies the property as "contributing," because it exemplifies an era of development, and architectural and social history for the Near West Side. Historic districts are regulated by the provisions of Title 8 of the BMC, which are intended to preserve and protect the structural integrity and external appearance of properties within the district.

Signed copies to:
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Clerk
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Petitioner
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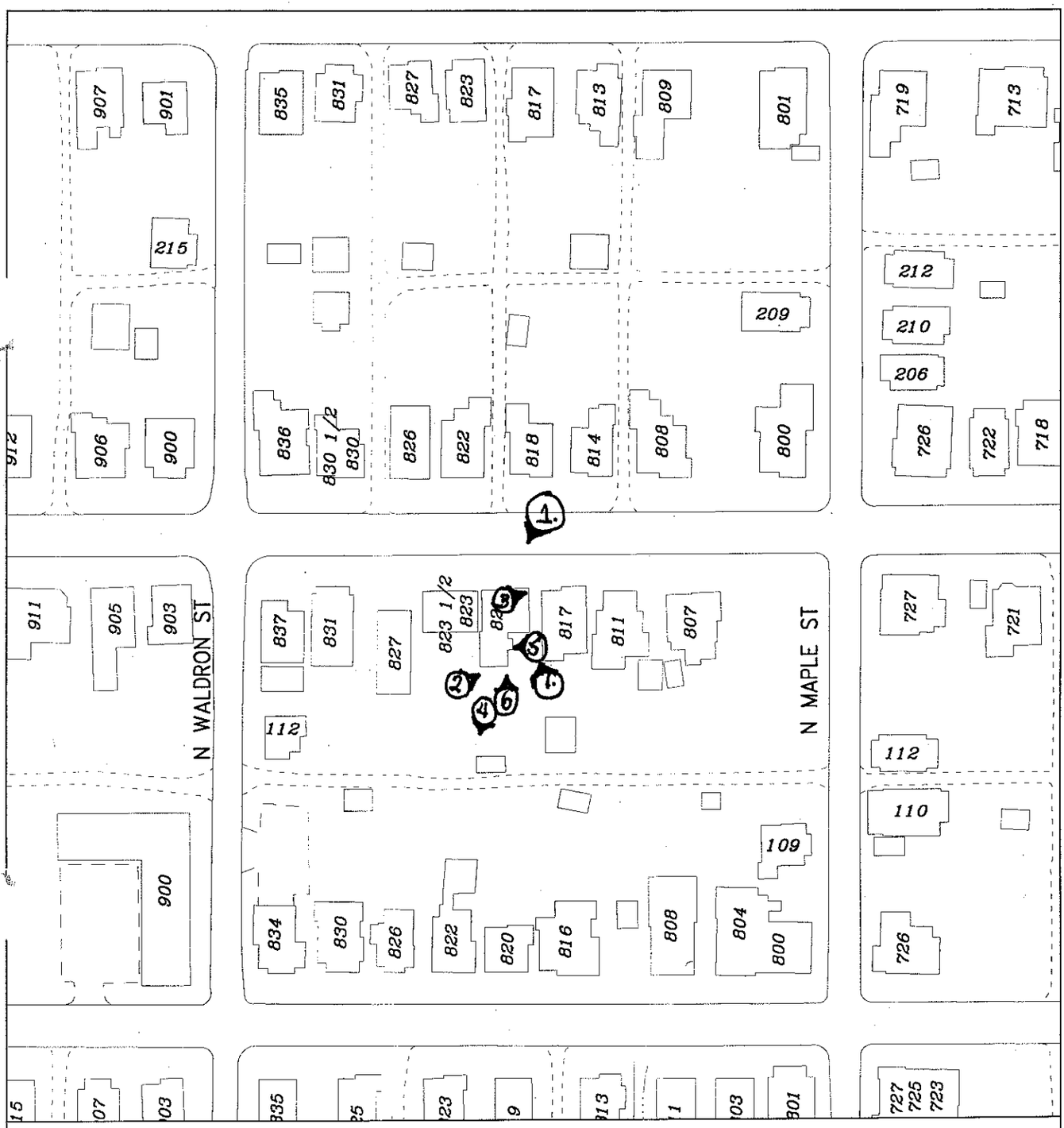

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Petitioner: Mcheal Connor

812 West th Street

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Scale: 1" = 100'

For reference only; map information NOT warranted.

The property at 812 West Sixth Street ,also known as the "Parks Home," qualifies for local designation under the following highlighted criteria found in Ordinance 95-20 of the Municipal Code (1) a and c and (2) g:

(1) Historic:

a. Has significant character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the city, state, or nation; or is associated with a person who played a significant role in local, state, or national history; or
b. Is the site of an historic event; or
c. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, or historic heritage of the community.

(2) Architecturally worthy:

a. Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or engineering type; or
b. Is the work of a designer whose individual work has significantly influenced the development of the community; or
c. Is the work of a designer of such prominence that such work gains its value from the designer's reputation; or
d. Contains elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or
e. Contains any architectural style, detail, or other element in danger of being lost; or
f. Owing to its unique location or physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the city; or
g. Exemplifies the built environment in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style

The Parks Home is a well maintained example of a the Gabled-Ell vernacular form located in the Near West Side Historic Area. Several other landmark buildings on the near west side are locally designated, including the Cochran Lindley House, the Illinois Central Railway Station, the Smallwood Pike Buildings, the Frosted Foods Building, Second Baptist Church and the Elias Abel House. The Near West Side was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in February of 1997 and contains an array of vernacular styles representative of the housing developed during the heyday of the Showers Brothers' Furniture Factory. The Parks Home is a classic cross gable roof form, distinct from the pyramidal forms, shotguns and bungalows that were also part of this neighborhood's development phase. The shed roofed porch is supported by Tuscan columns. Preserved original features include: original sash and storms, exterior doors with transom openings above, and interior trim. The house is sided with large width aluminum siding, however

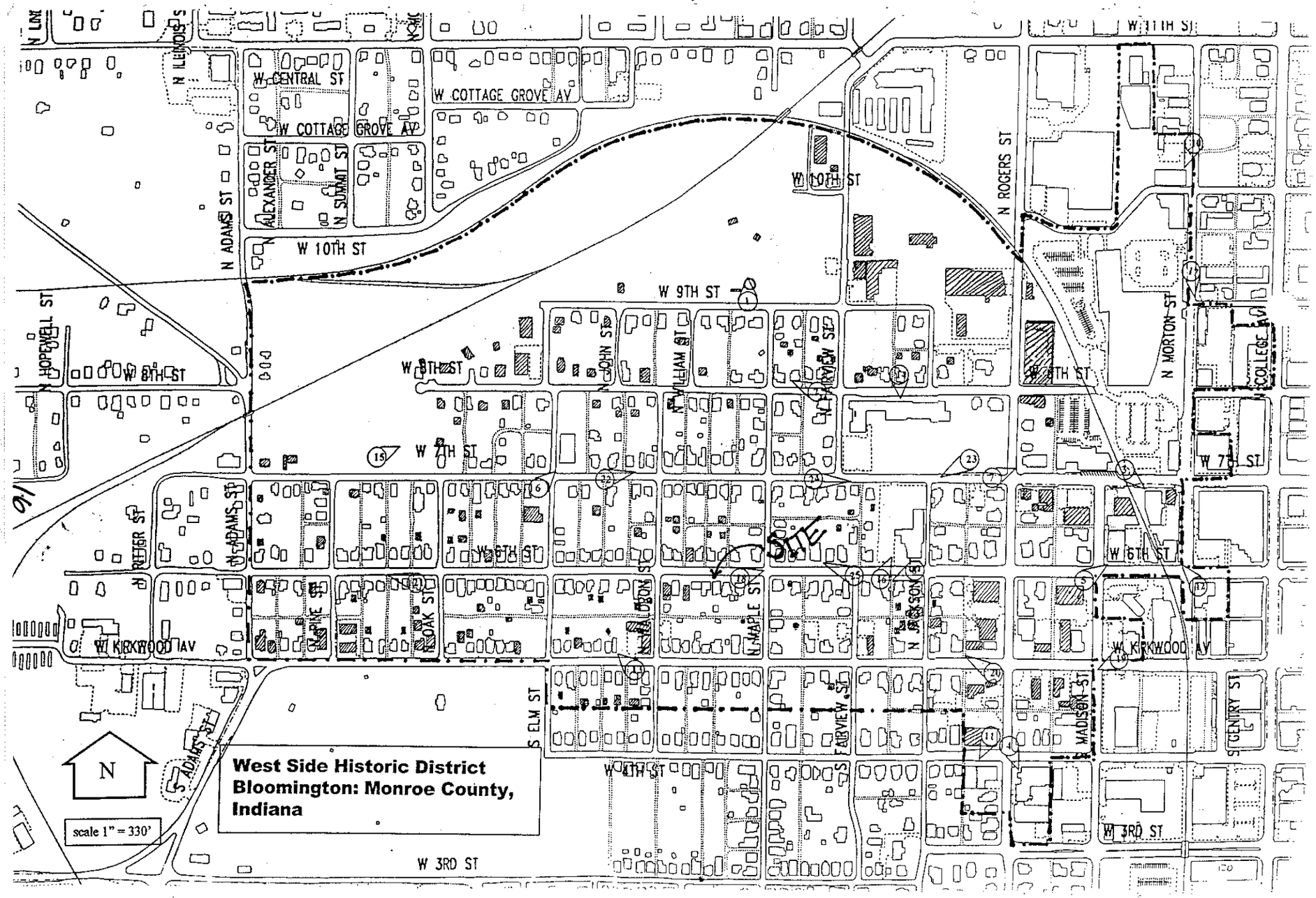
wood frieze boards at the cornice lines are preserved and retain the flavor of the original structure's spare ornamentation. The Parks Home reflects the modestly scaled architectural residential form and ornamentation of the Near West Side and has been maintained with respect for its integrity.

The house dates from the early 1890's and was built as a part of the small real estate boom of 1891 that created three hundred new houses. The catalyst on the West Side was the relocation of the Showers Factory from the site on 9th and Grant after the fire of 1884 and the burgeoning industrial growth located in this railroad corridor. In 1912, Showers Brothers was the largest furniture factory in America with over a dozen associated buildings. Other employers in the area were Hoadley Stone, Central Oolitic Stone, Bloomington Basket Corp, the Johnson Creamery and Nurre Mirror Company. Residents of the Near West Side can be characterized as ethnically mixed but similar in their working class backgrounds. Their homes were small (usually one to one-and-a-half story), based upon catalogue designs, and closely spaced to create the cohesive neighborhood atmosphere that remains today. The area contains an impressive number of landmarks associated with Bloomington's African-American community, including the Banneker Center, the Bethel A.M.E. Church and Second Baptist Church.

The first two owners of the Parks Home, were small business owners, involved in real estate and coal. The Smiths' sold the house to its most prominent tenants, the Parks family, in 1913 and they remained in possession until 1971. It was the childhood home of Russell Parks, a Bloomington police officer for 32 years, who was appointed the city's first public safety director under Mayor Francis McCloskey. According to City Directories, Parks' father, Frederick was a laborer for a stone company and was later listed as a planerman, probably with a local wood manufacturer. The family's early history in the neighborhood and the son's subsequent success is a good example of West Side social history. A similar West Side story is the family of Halston Vachon Eagleson, a well known black barber, who sent five of his six children to college.

Although the Parks Home is modest, it is exemplary in its representation of the architectural and social history of the West Side. The Near West Side was listed on the National Register because it reflects the character of the working class neighborhoods which grew up around early twentieth century industrial centers and the history of the people, both black and white who lived there.

Staff recommends approval.



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****ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION****

In accordance with IC 36-7-4-605 I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance Number 99-44 is a true and complete copy of Plan Commission Case Number PUD-52-99 which was given a recommendation of approval by a vote of 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions by the Bloomington City Plan Commission at a public hearing held on October 11, 1999.

Date: October 19, 1999

Donald F. Hastings, Secretary
Plan Commission

Received by the Common Council Office this 19th day of October, 1999.

Patricia Williams, City Clerk

Appropriation Ordinance #_____ Fiscal Impact Statement Ordinance #_____ Resolution #_____

Type of Legislation:

Appropriation	End of Program	Penal Ordinance
Budget Transfer	New Program	Grant Approval
Salary Change	Bonding	Administrative Change
Zoning Change	Investments	Short-Term Borrowing
New Fees	Annexation	Other_____

If the legislation directly affects City funds, the following must be completed by the City Controller:

Cause of Request:

Planned Expenditure_____ Emergency_____
Unforseen Need _____ Other_____

Funds Affected by Request:

Fund(s) Affected		
Fund Balance as of January 1	$	$
Revenue to Date		
Revenue Expected for Rest of year		
Appropriations to Date		
Unappropriated Balance		
Effect of Proposed Legislation (+/-)		
Projected Balance	$	$

Signature of Controller_____

Will the legislation have a major impact on existing City appropriations, fiscal liability or revenues? Yes_____ No_____

If the legislation will not have a major fiscal impact, explain briefly the reason for your conclusion.

If the legislation will have a major fiscal impact, explain briefly what the effect on City costs and revenues will be and include factors which could lead to significant additional expenditures in the future. Be as specific as possible. (Continue on second sheet if necessary.)

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