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CITIZENS INVITED TO COMMENT ON NOMINATION OF FAYETTEVILLE STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT TO NATIONAL REGISTER

The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 to review the nomination of the Fayetteville Street Historic District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The public is invited to comment on the nomination at the meeting, which will be held at the City of Raleigh Urban Design Center, 133 Fayetteville St. (at the intersection of Hargett Street). Residents with hearing impairments who need sign language services at the meeting should call the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department, 890-3107 (TDD) or 890-3100, at least 48 hours or two business days prior to the meeting.

Raleigh currently has 87 individual property listings and 24 historic districts in the National Register. Listing in the National Register allows property owners to become eligible for state and federal tax credits for rehabilitation of properties for commercial and residential purposes.

The Fayetteville Street Historic District consists of the 100-400 blocks of Fayetteville Street, the 00-100 blocks of the south side of West Hargett Street, the 00 block of the north side of West Martin Street, and the 100-400 blocks of South Salisbury Street. The buildings in the district are predominantly commercial and date from the final years of the third quarter of the 19th century into the third quarter of the 20th century. Only two of the buildings in the district were initially built for government use rather than for commercial purposes. The Fayetteville Historic District also contains a full range of architectural styles and types.

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Additionally, 11 buildings in the Fayetteville Street Historic District are listed on the National Register. They are:

- Masonic Temple at 133 Fayetteville St. (the building that houses the Urban Design Center);
- Briggs Hardware Store building at 220 Fayetteville St.;
- Lumsden-Boone Building, 226 Fayetteville St.;
- Mahler Building, 228 Fayetteville St.;
- Carolina Trust Building, 230 Fayetteville St.;
- Federal Building, 314 Fayetteville St.
- Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel, 400 Fayetteville St.;
- Raleigh Bank and Trust Company Building, 5 W. Hargett St.;
- Oddfellows Building, 19 W. Hargett St.;
- McLellan's Five and Dime Annex, 14 W. Martin St.; and,
- Capital Club Building, 16 W. Martin St.

The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission serves as the City Council's official historic preservation advisory body to identify, preserve, protect and educate the public about Raleigh's historic resources.

CITY COUNCIL SELECTS NELSON/NYGAARD FOR CITYWIDE OFF-STREET PARKING STUDY

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously Sept. 5 to authorize the City's Planning Department to negotiate a contract with consultant Nelson/Nygaard to prepare a citywide off-street parking study.

Nelson/Nygaard is one of seven consultant teams that responded to the City's request for proposals (RFP) for consultant services for the study. A committee comprised of two staff members from the Planning Department and one staffer from the Public Works Department reviewed the proposals and selected Nelson/Nygaard as its first choice, based on the consultant's track record of developing innovative parking policy solutions for other municipalities.

The selected consultant will undertake a thorough review of the City's off-street parking standards and make recommendations to update the parking ordinance.

The City of Raleigh wants to update its parking regulations to incorporate the latest regarding parking generation and off-street parking standards. The review of the City's off-street parking standards will, among other things, address context-sensitive parking requirements; shared parking for mixed-use developments, which are becoming more common throughout the Capital City; and best-practice procedures aimed at reducing stormwater and urban design impacts of parking lots and parking structures.

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COUNCIL APPROVES FINAL DESIGN OF TWO-WAY CONVERSION OF LENOIR AND SOUTH STREETS

The Raleigh City Council Sept. 5 unanimously approved the final design plans for phase 1 of converting Lenoir and South streets to two-way traffic in the downtown area. The City of Raleigh will soon advertise for construction bids for the project, which is expected to be complete by August 2008.

As part of the City's Livable Streets Downtown Plan, Lenoir Street will be converted from one-way to two-way traffic from South Saunders Street to Wilmington Street. Also, South Street will be converted to two-way traffic from Dawson Street to Wilmington Street. The two-way conversion of Lenoir and South streets also will include modifications to on-street parking, traffic signalization and signage improvements, pavement marking and resurfacing. The conversion will cost approximately \$670,000 and will be done in coordination with the opening of the 500,000-square-foot downtown convention center in mid-September 2008.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR PROPOSED ROUNDABOUTS ON HILLSBOROUGH STREET

The Raleigh City Council will hold public hearings on two road improvement projects for Hillsborough Streets that would add roundabouts. The public hearings will be held on Oct. 2 beginning at 7 p.m. in the council chamber on the second floor of the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St.

One of the public hearings will be on a planned improvement project that will convert Hillsborough Street to a three-lane section with a raised median between Oberlin Road and Gardner Street. There will be two roundabouts with raised pedestrian medians. One of the roundabouts will be located at the intersection of Hillsborough Street and Pullen Road and a smaller roundabout will be just north of Hillsborough Street on Oberlin Road at Groveland Avenue. There also will be underground utilities and streetscape improvements. The project is intended to enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety, improve the appearance of the street, promote economic development, improve pedestrian access and create a sense of place.

The other public hearing will be on proposed intersection improvements at Hillsborough and Morgan streets, including the addition of a roundabout. The improvements will be part of the planned conversion of Morgan Street to two-way traffic.

COUNCIL APPROVES DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING DESIGNS

The Raleigh City Council Sept. 5 approved a design package for signs used for the downtown wayfinding project. The signs will be installed on roads leading into and within the downtown area.

Corbin Design was selected to develop the package. When completed, the signs will include directions for motorists and pedestrians and highlight parking, streets and destinations.

The design package has been reviewed and approved by the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission, and the City of Raleigh Appearance Commission. Specific locations for the signs will be chosen this fall. The signs are expected to be completed and installed by next summer.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS CALENDER

09-09 03:00 PM	Abegg Trio	Fletcher Opera Theater
09-28 10:30 AM	Les Miserables, Student Edition..	Memorial Auditorium
09-28 07:30 PM	Les Miserables, Student Edition..	Memorial Auditorium
09-29 02:00 PM	Les Miserables, Student Edition..	Memorial Auditorium
09-29 07:30 PM	Les Miserables, Student Edition..	Memorial Auditorium
10-04 07:30 PM	Comedy of Errors	Fletcher Opera Theater
10-05 07:00 PM	Man of La Mancha	Memorial Auditorium
10-05 08:00 PM	The Crucible	Fletcher Opera Theater
