

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Historical Advisory Committee

DATE: February 3, 2017

SUBJECT: Voluntary Historic Property Recognition Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to present to the Town Council a concept for a Town of Paradise Valley Historic Property Recognition Program. If the Town Council believes that this concept is worth pursuing, the Historical Preservation Committee will present a more complete proposal to the Town Council at a later date. Before undertaking this effort, the Committee would like to receive some indication from the Town Council as to whether this concept should be pursued. The Committee understands that when the Town Council considers the more complete Historic Property Recognition Program at a later date, the Council may or may not choose to move forward with the Program.

Highlights of the proposed Historic Property Recognition Program:

1. The Program would be modeled after historic preservation programs in other communities throughout Arizona and the United States, but:
 - a. The Program would be completely voluntary; a property owner's decision to not participate would be final.
 - b. The Program would NOT be regulatory in any manner. In many communities, a historic property designation results in restrictions on the property, such as limitations on demolishing or remodeling the property. There would be no such restriction in the Town program.
2. The Historical Preservation Committee would be responsible for (1) developing the eligibility requirements and criteria for the Program, (2), advertising the Program, (3) and administering the Program. Nominal staff time would be needed.
3. The Historical Preservation Committee would review applications for specific properties to be included in the Program and would make recommendations to the Town Council; the final decision on whether a particular property would receive a Town Historic Property designation would be made by the Town Council.
4. Some form of official recognition by the Council of such a designation would be appropriate, possibly a Town Council Resolution.

If the Town Council deems it appropriate, the Historical Preservation Committee will prepare a more detailed program (eligibility requirements, criteria to be used in deciding if a particular property should be listed, a form to be used to request inclusion in the Program, etc.) and return to the Town Council at a later date.