



October 7, 2020

City of Orlando
400 S. Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32802

To the Honorable Mayor Dyer and Orlando City Council members:

In September 2018, our neighborhood association, The Lake Davis-Greenwood Neighborhood Association submitted a petition on behalf of the neighborhood residents to designate a historic district for the Greenwood-Lake Davis neighborhood. Our intention is to preserve the historic character of our neighborhood, increase properties values, set design standards, and insure new development is compatible with the existing historic resources.

We understand that per city code, this petition activates a two year period during which any demolition application for a structure that's more than 50 years old must undergo a 180 day waiting period. The two year timeframe will end on October 8.

The Historic Preservation Office has worked with GAI Consulting who has completed the Comprehensive Survey of the neighborhood, completed Florida Master Site Files for potential contributing structures, and has established the potential district boundaries. We have also worked with preservation staff to establish the potential ordinance provisions. Staff has also created a webpage with information about the process that includes links to the maps, reports, and supporting letters from other historic district leadership for our residents to visit and keep informed on the process.

The next step to move the historic district process forward is to hold public meetings with the neighborhood with Staff; followed by the public hearing processes where staff will formerly present a Staff Report to the HPB, MPB and City Council for final adoption. Because of the pandemic, our neighborhood has not been able to hold public meetings with staff. We estimate that we are about 6 months behind and need additional time to meet with our residents and bring the proposed historic district ordinance to HPB, MPB, and City Council.

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We will be sending out informational fliers to all residents on October 15 and have scheduled a meeting with Staff to present the plan to the neighborhood on November 17. As we are actively moving the district process forward, we hope the City Council will support a continuation of the 180-day waiting period for demolitions on structures over 50 years old so that no potential contributing structures are lost during this review period. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

The Lake Davis-Greenwood Neighborhood Association.

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