



## Agenda Item Report

**Meeting Type:** Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

**Meeting Date:** May 27, 2026

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**Item Title:** Consider and take action regarding the local historic designation of the Fireman's Park Complex located at 1049 Park Ave. (CC 5/5/26)

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**Detailed Description of Subject Matter:**

The Common Council at its May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting had voted against applying for local historic designation of Fireman's Park Complex. With this decision, any of the Council members who voted against the motion will need to bring this topic back to Council for further consideration and action.

Although the application could still be forwarded to a future Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC) meeting, the application would likely be appealed by the Council. Staff recommends for HLPC to recommend a list of benefits that local historic designation would grant the City that would otherwise be lacking with only the State and National historic designations in place currently. The primary difference between local and State/National designation is additional control on a local level.

Staff have found that a small portion of the park was Nationally designated and included only the contributing structures. The Cabin was not considered as a contributor for the designation.

**List all Supporting Documentation Attached:**

- Process and Benefits Comparison
- Map of Recognized Fireman's Park Complex
- Fireman's Park Plan
- Local Historic Designation Process, Certificate of Appropriateness, and Appeals

**Action Requested of the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission:**

Direct Staff to develop a benefits analysis to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Strategic Plan Objective:**