



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Common Council

Meeting Date: May 5, 2026

Item Title: Consider and take action to approve sending an application for local historic designation of Fireman's Park to the Historic Landmarks and Preservation Commission for review. (HLPC 4/22/26)

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Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC) has identified the Fireman's Park Complex as a potential site for local historic designation. The park complex with its contributing structures; the Pavilion, Rest Haven, and Pavilion Wall, is currently listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. The addition of a local historic designation to the site will subject the contributing buildings to obtain Certificates of Appropriateness when modifying the exterior of these structures along with obtaining approval by the HLPC for demolition. HLPC would have to be notified of any public hearings regarding zoning, conditional use, or variance petitions involving the designated property.

The purpose of the local historic designation is to help protect the historic integrity of the contributing structures. As the municipal owner of the property, the City is not able to claim historic tax credits.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

- Application for Local Historic Designation of Fireman's Park
- HLPC Draft Minutes from April 22, 2026

Action Requested of the Council:

Determine if the City as the owner of the Fireman's Park Complex, located at 1049 Park Ave. would like to proceed with applying for local historic designation and if so, to send the application to Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission for review and begin the local historic designation process.

Strategic Plan Objective: None