



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
STAFF REPORT
LANDMARK NOMINATION



The Whitmire House (201 Ewbank Drive)

The subject property is a well-preserved 1924–25 Craftsman-style bungalow notable for its architectural integrity and original features, including roofline, windows, doors, porch columns, interior millwork, arched doorways, and built-in cabinetry. It was originally associated with the locally prominent Ewbank family and later became the home of Mayor Boyce Whitmire, who lived there from 1967 to 1989 and led significant city improvements, including the Main Street serpentine design and Spartanburg Highway construction. The property sits at the corner of Ewbank Drive and Higate Road in the Druid Hills neighborhood, maintaining a historic setting with native plantings and locally quarried stone despite surrounding mid- to late-20th-century development. Its combination of historic associations and intact architectural character makes it a Local Landmark worthy of preservation.

Criteria for Landmarking:

The Historic Preservation Commission Landmark Program seeks to honor properties with historic significance in the City of Hendersonville. Identifying these properties and ensuring that they meet at least one criteria below is an important way to showcase the historic significance of the subject property.

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or

- B. That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
 - a. The Whitmire House is associated with Mayor Boyce Whitmire, who lived in the home during his tenure and oversaw significant city improvements, including the construction of Spartanburg Highway and the introduction of the serpentine design on Main Street.
- C. That embody the distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the works of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - a. The Whitmire House is an outstanding example of Craftsman-style architecture, a style that gained popularity in the early 20th century. The home retains many of its original Craftsman features, including a low-pitched roof, exposed rafter tails, and six-over-one windows.
- D. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history; or
 - a. Not Applicable
- E. Has significance to a particular community or communities in the City of Hendersonville.
 - a. Not Applicable