

City of Norman

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Historic Landmarks Program Overview
June 9, 2022



HISTORIC LANDMARKS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Historic District vs Historic Landmark

➤ **Historic District:**

Areas with significant concentration of sites, buildings, or structures, united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development and which are protected by public review from alteration and demolition - Typically residential

- Norman - Miller, Chautauqua & Southridge Historic Districts

➤ **Historic Landmark:**

A structure or area that has significant historical, architectural, or cultural meaning and that has been given legal protection from alteration and destruction – variety of underlying uses

- Often just a single building/structure, but could be a significant area
- OKC – Calvary Baptist Church
- OKC – Union Soldiers Cemetery



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Historic Landmarks Program Research

- Oklahoma City is a primary example of city with active Historic Landmarks Program
 - Historic Landmarks concurrent with Historic Preservation Ordinance
 - Rules are similar to Historic District
 - Review & issuance of COA required for alterations & demolitions
 - Alterations must meet Historic Preservation Guidelines
 - Designation of structure as a Historic Landmark
 - Initiated by property owner or by City
 - According to OKC Historic Preservation Officer, all of the current OKC Historic Landmarks designations *“have been done hand-in-hand with supportive owners”*



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What properties in Norman are potential Historic Landmarks?

- Properties already listed on the National Register of Historic Places starting point possibly
 - However being on NRHP does not automatically mean it needs/should be a designated a Historic Landmark
- Properties not listed on the NRHP but are culturally and/or historically significant in Norman
 - Takes time & money to list on NRHP, does not provide protection



Norman National Register of Historic Places

Bavinger, Eugene, House [Bruce Goff Designed Resources], 730 60th Avenue NE, 12/13/01, (Demolished, REMOVED 2/28/17).

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House, The University of Oklahoma, 800 South Chautauqua Avenue, 6/2/82.

Bizzell Library, University of Oklahoma, 401 West Brooks, 1/03/01.

Casa Blanca (Alpha Chi Omega Sorority House), 103 West Boyd, 2/21/90.

Cleveland County Courthouse, 200 South Peters Avenue, 12/28/00.

Downtown Norman Historic District, 105 West Main & 100-232 East Main, 10/10/78, A, 78002226.

Downtown Norman Historic District (Boundary Increase), roughly bounded by Webster, the alley North of Gray, Porter, Eufaula, James Garner, & Comanche, 3/12/12.

Gimeno, Patricio, House, 800 Elm, 12/30/91, C, 91001902.

Jacobson, Oscar B., House, 609 South Chautauqua Avenue, 12/23/86, B, C, 86003466.

Ledbetter, H.E., House [Bruce Goff Designed Resources in Oklahoma MPS], 701 West Brooks, 6/14/01, C, 01000655.

Logan Apartments, 720 West Boyd, 3/11/14, A, B, C, 14000049.

Moore-Lindsay House, 508 North Peters, 11/14/85, C, 85002788.

Norman City Park New Deal Resources Historic District, Jct. of Daws Street & Webster Avenue, 12/28/00, A, 00001572.

Norman Public Library, 329 South Peters Avenue, 12/28/00, A, C, 00001581.

Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education Historic District bounded by Asp Avenue, Kellogg Drive, Maple & 4th, 6/10/11, C, 11000334.

President's House (Boyd House), the University of Oklahoma, 407 West Boyd, 7/6/76, A, 76001558.

Santa Fe Depot, Jct. of Abner, Norman Drive & Comanche, 1/25/91, A, C, 90002203.

Sooner Theater Building, 101 East Main, 8/31/78, A, C, G, 78002227.

United States Post Office, 207 East Gray, 12/28/00, A, C, 00001573.

University of Oklahoma Armory, 103 West Brooks, 12/8/15, A, 15000866.

Park Etude, 1028 Connelly Lane, 12/13/2017

Southridge Addition, bounded by East Boyd/Macy Streets, Okmulgee Street and Classen Boulevard /South Ponca Avenue, August 2018.



How could a Historic Landmarks Program be done in Norman?

- Probably add to or expand current Historic Preservation Ordinance
 - Add process for designation of Historic Landmarks
 - Add Historic Landmarks to review process
 - Utilize same Historic Preservation Guidelines – may require tweaking to address structures such as commercial buildings
- Requires more research to determine a path forward



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Pros

- Provides protection to structures that are significant to the community
- Could encourage historically appropriate renovation of historic structures - would provide protection to investment \$\$
 - Historic Tax Credit Projects

Cons

- Requires those structures designated as Landmarks to seek review and approval before proceeding with desired alterations
- Requires additional City staff hours & personnel to administer
- Difficult to designate Landmarks without property owners cooperation



Questions?



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