



## Landmarks Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	March 5, 2025
Agenda Item:	Discussion and Possible Action of Ceramic House Plates
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### BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

Staff has cleaned out the White Building that was previously Channel 990 headquarters. While cleaning, staff came across various ceramic tiles. (Attached Photo) Staff noted that each ceramic tile corresponds with a landmark property.

Staff then investigated previous Landmarks Committee records about the ceramic tiles.

The minutes share that the Commission hired a student artist, noted in the minutes, as Taylor McDarison, to create ceramic tiles to be made to be displayed the homes that are marked as a City Landmarks. These ceramic tiles would mirror the architecture of the residence. The Commission had an agreement with the city, that if the Commission were to pay for 50% of the project upfront, upon completion the city would pay the remainder of the project as noted in the September 2014 minutes.

In the December 3, 2015 minutes, it was shared that the ceramic tile project would be finished in May of 2016. In the April 21, 2016 minutes, it was noted that the artist requested another extension, hoping to finish the project in December 2016. In the June 2, 2016 meeting, it was noted that the commission has not had contact with Student Artist McDarison and the matter has been forwarded to the City Attorney.

The project was never completed, therefore the city never paid the remainder of the 50%. In conclusion the ceramic tiles are the sole property of the Landmarks Commission.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is staff recommendation is to throw the broken tiles away and store the fully intact tiles at City Hall.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

September 2014 Draft Minutes

2014 Letter to Property Owners asking for interest in Tile Project

December 2015 Minutes

April 2016 Minutes

June 2016 Minutes

Photos of the current ceramics