

Excerpt from the April 11, 2017 Historic Landmark Commission Draft Meeting Minutes

B. HLC-17-008 Public hearing and recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council on an application for Historic Landmark designation for the property addressed as 475 Butcher Street, located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District, to be known as the Boenig-Maurer House.

Mrs. McWhorter presented the staff report, described the history of the property, and listed the previous property owners. She concluded by stating her recommendation of approval based on the following criteria:

- The property possesses significance in history, architecture, archeology, or culture. Mrs. McWhorter said the structure is an excellent local example of the traditional German Vernacular Style, reflecting the craftsmanship, materials, and technology of early German farmers in the area.
- The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, regional, state, or national history. Mrs. McWhorter said the dwelling, possibly the oldest structure in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District, is evocative of early community development trends as it represents the historic agricultural use that formerly dominated the area.
- The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Mrs. McWhorter said the subject structure characteristic features of its style including the retention of the overall form and original materials.
- The property represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or city. Mrs. McWhorter said the structure has been located at this site since circa 1870.

Discussion ensued in regards to the age of the house.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Leitch, to recommend approval to the Planning Commission and City Council on an application for Historic Landmark Designation for 475 Butcher Street, to be known as the Boenig-Maurer House. The motion carried. (6-0-0)