

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-320

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: LUZ

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2021

Type of Action: Amending designation of historic landmark

Bill Summary: The bill extends historic landmark status to the portion of the structure at 325 East Duval Street (the former YWCA/Community Connections building) not already designated as a local historic landmark. It directs that the Property Appraiser be notified of the designation, that the designation be recorded in the public record, and that the Zoning Administrator enter the landmark designation in the Zoning Atlas.

Background Information: The YWCA building located at 325 East Duval Street was constructed in 1949 and consists of an "L" shaped portion which fronts on the northeast corner of East Duval Street and Shields Place and a rear, flat-roof portion facing a parking lot on the interior of the block. In 2017 the "L" shaped portion was designated a local landmark at the request of the previous owner, but the rear portion was not designated because the owner intended to demolish that portion of the building. The current owner, VC Cathedral, LLC, has requested the landmark designation be amended to include the rear, flat-roof portion of the YWCA building. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the structure meets 4 of the 7 criteria for historic designation: 1) its value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the City, state or nation (reflective of the values of the YWCA movement); 2) it is identified as the work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the City, state or nation (prominent architect Jefferson Davis Powell); 3) its value as a building is recognized for the quality of its architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its architectural significance (the building reflects a subtype of the Colonial Revival style known as Centered Gable); and 4) its suitability for preservation or restoration (the building is well-maintained and has most of its original features).

Policy Impact Area: Historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: None to the City

Analyst: Clements