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AN ORDINANCE

Granting Evanston Landmark Status to the Building and Lot of Record at 2010 Dewey Avenue

WHEREAS, the City has enacted a Historic Preservation Ordinance ("Ordinance"), Title 2, Chapter 8 of the Evanston City Code of 2012, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-8-5 of the Ordinance sets forth the process whereby the Preservation Commission ("Commission") shall nominate and consider applications for landmark designation and designate landmarks and historic districts; and

WHEREAS, the building at 2010 Dewey Avenue (the "Subject Property") was constructed in 1905 as Foster School (later known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Experimental School and the Weissbourd-Holmes Family Focus Building), and operated as a school during its period of significance between 1905 and 1979, where many individuals who attended and/or worked at the school became prominent Black Evanston citizens that made their positive mark at the local, national and international level, including: Junior Mance, Dorothy (Hadley) Bayen, Fred Hutcherson, William Logan, Sanders Hicks, Iva Caruthers, Joseph Hill, Tina Lifford, Leon Robinson Jr., and Lorraine H. Morton; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property operated as a public school during an era of de facto and de jure racial segregation and thereby illustrates important
cultural and social aspects and events in the history of the City of Evanston as it interacted with racial equity; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property has experienced architectural changes, but it maintains integrity of feeling and association with the events that occurred during its period of significance from 1905 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Morris Robinson, Jr. (the “Applicant”), of Shorefront with offices at 2214 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, submitted an application on December 27, 2017, and a modified application on June 28, 2018, for the designation of the building on the Subject Property as an Evanston Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted public hearings, pursuant to proper notice, on February 13, 2018, March 13, 2018, July 10, 2018, and September 11, 2018, to consider the application pursuant to Section 285 of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due notice of said hearings was given in accordance with the requirements of the Evanston Preservation Commission Ordinance and all persons desiring to be heard were given opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, after having heard and reviewed the nomination testimony, receiving other evidence and making a written record, found that the aforesaid lot of record and building on the Subject Property, with the original 1905 building designed by Ernest Woodyatt and with additions by architects Childs & Smith (1926) and Ganster & Hennighausen (1961), met the
criteria in City Code Sections 2-8-4(A)(2), 2-8-4(A)(6), and 2-8-4 (B) of the Ordinance for designation as an Evanston Landmark; and

WHEREAS, at its July 10, 2018 meeting, the Commission voted to recommend that the City Council grant Evanston Landmark designation to said building on the Subject Property; and

WHEREAS, at its September 11, 2018 meeting, the Commission adopted a Resolution "Requesting the City Manager to Transmit the Evanston Preservation Commission’s Report and Recommendation that the City Council Designate the Building at 2010 Dewey Avenue as an Evanston Landmark" to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee of the City Council considered and adopted the record and recommendation of the Preservation Commission at its October 8, 2018 meeting and recommended that the City Council designate the building on the Subject Property, as an Evanston Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered and adopted the respective records and recommendations of the Preservation Commission and the Planning and Development Committee at its October 8, 2018 and October 22, 2018 meetings, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The above recitals are found as fact and made a part hereof.
SECTION 2: Pursuant to City Code Section 2-8-5(G) of the Ordinance, the City Council hereby designates the building at 2010 Dewey Avenue as an Evanston Landmark.

SECTION 3: If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications thereof.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: October 8, 2018
Adopted: October 22, 2018

Approved:

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Attest: Devon Reid, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel