

PRESS RELEASE

Ogden City Planning Division to Host Public Open House
on Proposed Historic District

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The Ogden City Planning Division invites residents and community members to attend a public open house on March 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Polk Elementary School. This event will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the updated proposed boundaries for both the National Historic District and the Local Historic District in the Marilyn Drive area.

Following valuable feedback received during last fall's open house and survey results from residents, and input from Ogden's Landmarks Commission, the Planning Division has refined the proposed district boundaries. The upcoming open house will allow community members to review these updates, ask questions, and discuss the next steps in the process of designating the Marilyn Drive area as a historic neighborhood.

The Marilyn Drive area, which spans from 27th Street to 29th Street, between Tyler Avenue and Buchanan Avenue, contains numerous historic homes representing early 20th-century architectural styles. In 2022, a Reconnaissance Level Survey, funded indirectly by the National Park Service, determined that the neighborhood meets many of the criteria set forth by the National Register of Historic Places. As a result, the city is seeking further input from homeowners to gauge interest in pursuing a historic designation at both the national and local levels.

Why Consider a Historic District?

Establishing a historic district helps to preserve the heritage, integrity, and historic value of a neighborhood. A National Historic District designation provides official recognition and can open access to tax credits and financial resources for maintaining the character of historic homes. A Local Historic District designation, on the other hand, allows for city-level oversight to ensure that architectural changes remain consistent with the area's historic character.

Attendees will have the chance to learn more about these designations, their potential benefits, and any associated challenges. The Ogden City Planning Division encourages all interested residents, especially those living within the proposed boundaries, to attend and share their input.

Event Details:

What: Public Open House on Proposed Historic District

When: March 24, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Polk Elementary School Gymnasium, Ogden, UT

For additional information, residents can review the 2022 Reconnaissance Level Survey and survey results from last year's open house online at

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/14bd7fd5d9f54c44b5d3e6d5e9a5a701>. Questions and comments can also be directed to the Ogden City Planning Division by emailing planning@ogdencity.gov.