

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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Legistar File ID # [59075](#) Staff Report on Historic Value of 66 West Towne Mall Proposed for Demolition

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Background

At its February 17, 2020, meeting, the Landmarks Commission provided their advisory recommendation on the historic value of 66 West Towne Mall. Staff recently became aware that the applicant had entered an incorrect address and had meant to propose demolition of 36 West Towne Mall. The Landmarks Commission had made a recommendation that the property at 66 West Towne Mall had no known historic significance as there was no evidence of it being architecturally or historically significant.

The part of the building complex at 36 West Towne Mall does not have a city preservation file or state site file. It does not appear to be architecturally significant or retain enough historic integrity to convey any historic associations from when it was constructed in 1971.

While it has been our practice to have the Landmarks Commission provide the advisory recommendation, the code allows for a report from the Preservation Planner:

MGO 28.185(7)(a)(4): "The Plan Commission shall consider the report of the City's historic preservation planner regarding the historic value of the property as well as any report submitted by the Landmarks Commission."

As the Landmarks Commission did not have any agenda items, they cancelled their March 2 meeting, which would delay their review of the proposed demolition at 36 West Towne Mall. So that the proposed redevelopment at 36 West Towne Mall can move forward in a timely manner, the City's historic preservation planner is providing this report on the historic value of the property proposed for demolition.

Staff Recommendation

Staff believes that the property at 36 West Towne Mall has no known historic value.