



Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 5

Advisory Information

Title: **Conservation District Ordinance**

Action Discussion Informational

Date: February 25, 2014

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Attachments:

Requested Action

No action is requested at this time. The Commission may determine if a recommendation on the proposed Ordinance should be made at a later date.

Background

In response to development pressures in some neighborhoods, the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) has drafted a Conservation District Ordinance. This proposal would create land use controls that conserve notable visual character in a manner that offers more protections than the zoning code, but fewer protections than historic district design guidelines.

More information on the proposal can be found on the City's website:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/Conservation_District_Ordinance

John Smoley of CPED will present the ordinance and answer questions from the Commission.

Discussion

Staff is currently in the process of gathering comments on the proposal. The timing for City Council consideration of the ordinance has yet to be determined. If the Commission determines that it should forward a recommendation to the City Council that action could be taken at the March 25th meeting.