

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Roadside Historic Marker Request (Southwest Renewal Foundation)

From: Lee Burnette, Planning & Development
Director

Meeting Date: April 4, 2016

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date: NA

Advertised By: NA

Attachments: A. Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation
B. Proposed Design and Text of Marker

PURPOSE:

A request by the Southwest Renewal Foundation to place a roadside historic marker recognizing the Highland Cotton Mills Village at the northwest corner of the intersection of Mill Avenue and S. Elm Street in the public right-of-way.

BACKGROUND:

On January 16, 2016 City Council adopted a Historic Marker Policy that provides guidelines and criteria to facilitate the selection and placement of City of High Point Roadside Historic Markers. The Historic Preservation Commission was designated by the Historic Marker Policy to review and evaluate all proposed roadside historic markers prior to consideration by City Council. This roadside historic marker request by the Southwest Renewal Foundation is the first request under the city's new roadside historic marker policy.

BUDGET IMPACT:

In accordance with the City Council adopted policy, the applicant is responsible for the cost of the signage.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

On March 9, 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the Southwest Renewal Foundation's request for a roadside historic marker for the Highland Cotton Mills Village by a vote of 4-1.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Southwest Renewal Foundation, Inc.

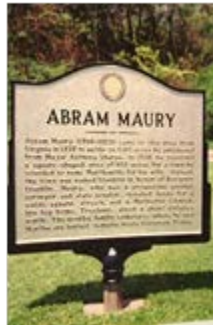
Roadside Historic Marker Request

At its March 9, 2016 meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed a request for a roadside historic marker for the Highland Cotton Mills Village. Five members of the Commission were present. Mr. David Fencl, Senior Planner, presented the request and recommended approval of the request as outlined in the staff report.

Speaking in favor of the marker request on behalf of the applicant was Dorothy Darr, Dee Meadows, and Phyllis Bridges. No one spoke in opposition to the marker request.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the roadside historic marker request, as recommended by staff, by a vote of 4-1.

Proposed Design of Roadside Historic Marker



(To be mounted on 10 foot pole and Marker will include City Seal)

Proposed Text on Marker:

HIGHLAND COTTON MILLS VILLAGE

A textile mill opened in 1913 followed by a planned village on 69 acres. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.