

APPENDIX C

Nomination Criteria

The Lafayette City Council and Historic Preservation Board will consider the following criteria in reviewing nominations of properties for designation:

Landmarks must be at least fifty (50) years old and meet one or more of the criteria for architectural, social/historical or geographic/environmental significance as described below. A landmark may be exempt from the age standard if it is found to be exceptionally important in other significant criteria.

HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

A. Architectural Criteria.

1. Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
2. Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, state-wide, regionally, or locally.
3. Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
4. Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
5. Style particularly associated with Lafayette or one of its neighborhoods.
6. Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
7. Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one of the above criteria.
8. Significant historic remodel.

B. Social / Historical Criteria.

1. Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
2. Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community.
3. Association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.

C. Geographic / Environmental Criteria.

1. Enhances sense of identity of the community.
2. An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES (HISTORIC AND PREHISTORIC)

A. Architectural Criteria.

1. Exhibits distinctive characteristics of a type, period or manner of construction.
2. A unique example of structure.

B. Social / Historical Criteria.

1. Demonstrable potential to make an important contribution to the knowledge of the area's history or prehistory.
2. An association with an important event in the area's development.
3. An association with a notable person(s) or the work of notable person(s).
4. A typical example/association with a particular ethnic group.
5. A unique example of an event in Lafayette's history.

C. Geographic / Environmental Criteria.

1. The site is geographically or regionally important.

PHYSICAL INTEGRITY

All properties will be evaluated for their physical integrity using the following criteria, but a property need not meet all of the following criteria:

- A. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- B. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- C. Is in original location or same historic setting after having been moved.
- D. Has been accurately rehabilitated or restored based on documentation.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS

A historic district is a geographically definable area including a concentration, linkage or continuity of subsurface sites, buildings, structures and/or objects. The district is related by a pattern of either physical elements or social activities. Significance is determined by applying criteria to the pattern(s) and unifying element(s).

Properties that do not contribute to the significance of the historic district may be included within the boundaries, as long as the noncontributing elements do not noticeably detract from the district's sense of time, place and historical development. Noncontributing elements will be evaluated for their magnitude of impact by considering their size, scale, design, location, and/or information potential.

District boundaries will be defined by visual changes, historical documentation of different associations or patterns of development, or evidence of changes in site type or site density as established through testing or survey.

In addition to meeting at least one of the criteria outlined below, the district must contain structures which are at least fifty (50) years old. The district could be exempt from this age standard if the resources are found to be exceptionally important in other significant criteria.

A. Architectural Criteria.

- 1. Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural period or style.
- 2. Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, state-wide, regionally or locally.
- 3. Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.

4. Represents an innovation in construction, materials, or design.
5. Style particularly associated with the Lafayette area.
6. Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
7. Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one of the above criteria.
8. Significant historic remodel.

B. Social / Historical Criteria.

1. The site of an historic event that had an effect upon society.
2. Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community.
3. An association with a notable person(s) or the work of notable person(s).

C. Geographic / Environmental Criteria.

1. Enhances sense of identity of the community.
2. An established and familiar mutual setting or visual feature of the community.

D. Archeology / Subsurface Criteria.

1. Demonstrable potential to make an important contribution to the area's history or prehistory.
2. An association with an important event in the area's development.
3. An association with a notable person(s) or the work of notable person(s).
4. Distinctive characteristics of a type, period or manner of construction.
5. Geographic importance.
6. A typical example or association with as particular ethnic group.
7. A typical example or association with a local cultural or economic activity.
8. A unique example of an event or structure.