

FOR HLC MEETING OF: November 17, 2022
AGENDA ITEM: 6.a

TO: HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

THROUGH: Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, AICP, Deputy Community Development Director and Planning Administrator

FROM: Kimberli Fitzgerald, AICP, Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: Initiation of Local Historic Resource Nomination for the Salem Civic Center located at: 555 Liberty Street SE

ISSUE:

Adoption of Resolution (HLC Resolution 22-02) initiating the local historic resource designation of the Salem Civic Center located at 555 Liberty Street SE (Marion County Assessor's Tax Lots 073W27BD00100 and 073W27BA03200) (**Attachment A**).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the HLC adopt the Resolution initiating the local historic designation of the Salem Civic Center (**Attachment B**).

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The National Park Service designated the Salem Civic Center on November 2, 2022, as an important local example of the Brutalist architectural style as well as an excellent representation of the ideals of Salem's community planning and development in the late 1960s/early 1970s.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

Historic Designation

1. National Register Resources are significant resources which local jurisdictions are required to protect as outlined in [OAR 660-023-0200](#). According to OAR 660-023-0200(8)(b) a local jurisdiction can only apply their locally adopted historic protection measures to National Register designated resources after a public hearing is held considering the local designation of the resource.
2. According to SRC 230.010(c)(1)(b) the Historic Landmarks Commission may initiate the designation of a local historic resource. Designation is a Type IV procedure under SRC 300. If the HLC chooses to initiate the designation, they will then hold a public hearing on the nomination and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed designation.
3. Owner consent is required per SRC 230.010(f) for the designation of a local resource. If the Salem City Council ultimately designates the resource, that decision will include providing their consent as the owners of the resource.

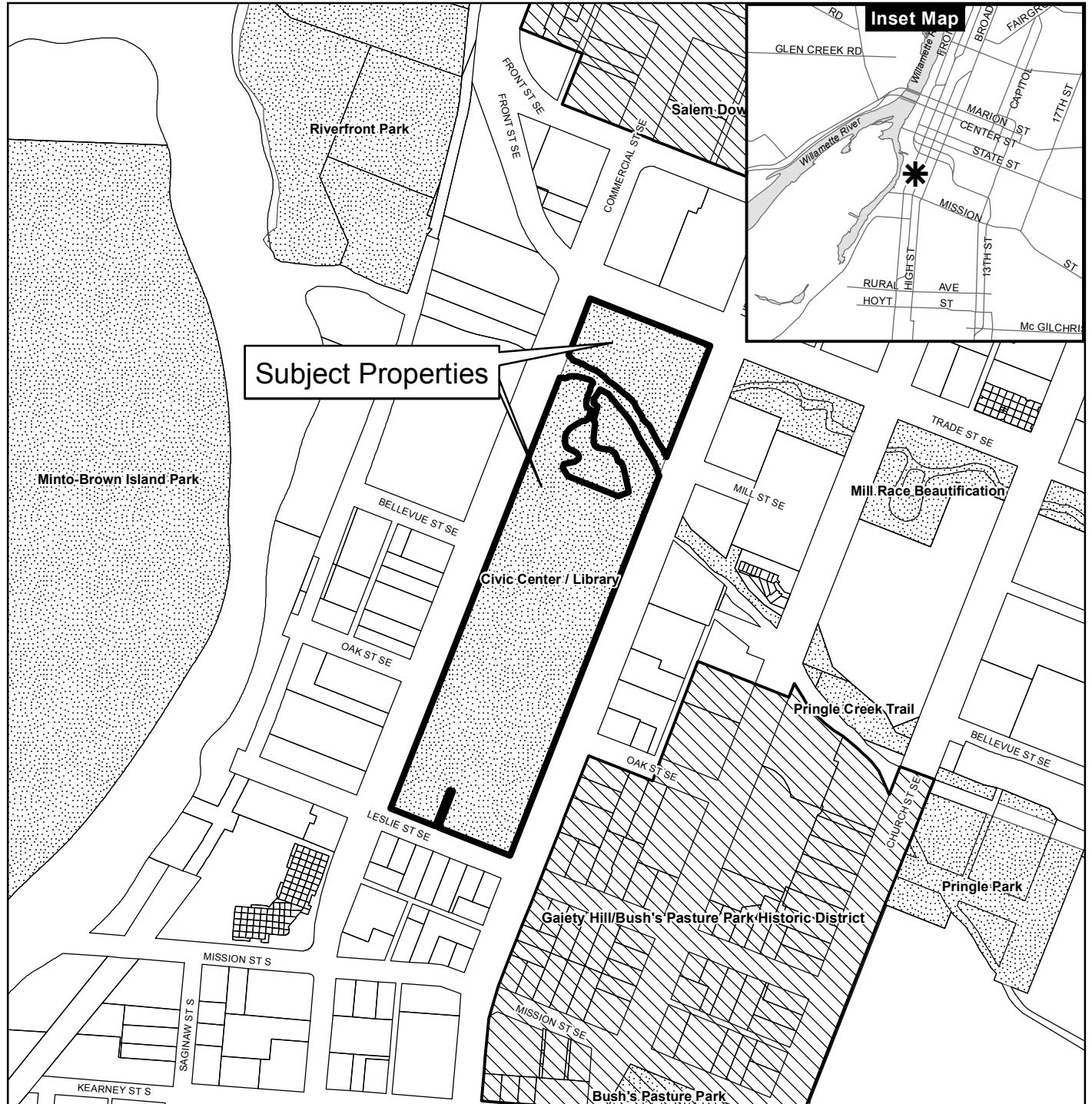
HLC Alternatives

1. **No Action**: The HLC can take no action adopting the resolution formally initiating the designation.
2. **Adoption of Resolution**. The HLC can find that the proposed resource is eligible for designation and therefore proceed with adopting the resolution initiating the Type IV process for designation.

Attachment: (A) Vicinity Map
(B) HLC Resolution 22-02

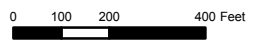
Vicinity Map

555 Liberty Street SE (073W27BD00100 and 073W27BA03200)



Legend

- Taxlots
- Urban Growth Boundary
- City Limits
- Outside Salem City Limits
- Historic District
- Schools
- Parks



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HLC RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02**A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE LOCAL HISTORIC RESOURCE DESIGNATION FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, LOCATED AT 555 LIBERTY ST. SE (MARION COUNTY ASSESSOR'S TAX LOT NUMBER 073W27BD00100).**

Whereas, a Council priority is *Welcoming and Livable Neighborhoods* which includes ensuring that Salem residents have access to historic and cultural opportunities by supporting Salem's historically and culturally significant buildings and sites; and

Whereas, the Salem City Council adopted the updated 2020-2030 Salem Historic Preservation Plan (Plan) as components and support documents to the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan in 2020; and

Whereas, the Plan's adopted Goal 6 is: *Survey and Designate Historic Resources*; and

Whereas, the City of Salem is a Certified Local Government and has a historic preservation program that includes a preservation ordinance and a local Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) that meets regularly and maintains a register of locally designated historic resources; and

Whereas, the National Park Service designated the Salem Civic Center on November 2, 2022 as an important local example of the Brutalist architectural style as well as an excellent representation of the ideals of Salem's community planning and development in the late 1960s/early 1970s; and

Whereas, A local historic resource designation may be initiated by the Historic Landmarks Commission by resolution pursuant to SRC 230.010(c)(1)(B); and

Whereas, the Historic Landmarks Commission is required to provide appropriate public notice, consider the matter at a public hearing and make a recommendation regarding the findings relating to the applicable criteria for local historic resource designation in SRC 230.010 to the City Council pursuant to SRC 300.1110; and

Whereas, a 35-day notification to the Department of Land Conservation and Development is required under SRC 300.1110(d).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Historic Landmarks Commission hereby adopts Resolution 2022-02 initiating the local historic resource designation for the Salem Civic Center located at 555 Liberty St. SE (Marion County Assessor's Tax Lot 073W27BD00100) and referring the matter to a public hearing before the Salem Historic Landmarks Commission on a future date to be determined by the Planning Administrator.)

ADOPTED by the Historic Landmarks Commission this 17th day of November, 2022.

Carroll Cottingham
Chair, Salem Historic Landmarks Commission