

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

Meeting Date: August 9, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for Historic District Nominations to the National Register

AGENDA INFORMATION

Agenda Location: Unfinished Business
Item Number: 7-B
Department: Planning & Development/Public Services Departments
Contact: Elizabeth Teague, Planning & Development Services Director
Presenter: Bill Munn, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission
Jane Reeves, Immediate Past Chair, Historic Preservation Commission
Becca Johnson, State Historic Preservation Office

BRIEF SUMMARY: The HPC hired ACME Preservation Services, Inc. to develop nominations for the South Montreat Road and Dougherty Heights neighborhoods for the National Register of Historic Places. This designation recognizes the historic value and uniqueness of these neighborhoods and makes some property owners eligible for a tax credit toward renovation costs. Designation is **non-regulatory** and will not impact future building permit requests. Property owners may opt out of the nominated district by sending a notarized letter to the State Historic Preservation Office. This work is pursuant to the Historic Inventory completed in 2007 and is funded in part by a Grant from The North Carolina Office of Archives and History under the Certified Local Government Program. Nominations are scheduled to go before the National Register Advisory Committee in October. A Resolution of Support from the Aldermen is not required for the nomination.

RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS: To adopt attached Resolutions of Support for two, non-regulatory Historic District Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, for the South Montreat Road and Dougherty Heights Neighborhood.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$3,960 in CLG Funding; \$4,600 in Grant match budgeted and expended in FY 09-10.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolutions in Support (R-10-09, R-10-10)

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: As you directed, the HPC has discussed ways to better inform the public regarding the National Register Nominations. Since this last came before you, the HPC and staff have updated the website to include Fact Sheets on the National Register, written a letter to owners of properties within the district, met with the Swannanoa Valley Museum staff, developed a press release, and scheduled the public meeting in workshop format to allow property owners more opportunity to ask questions of State Historic Office staff, consultant Clay Griffith and HPC members. This meeting will be at 7:00pm in the Town Board Room on August 18. Copies of Nomination Materials, and information on the National Register were also provided to you earlier.