

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 4, 2011
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Albany Historical Society Plaque recognizing Albany builder
Charles MacGregor

REPORT BY: Beth Pollard, City Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the donation of a plaque from the Albany Historical Society, to be installed in the sidewalk on Solano at Carmel, to recognize the office of Albany builder Charles MacGregor, and waive any encroachment fees.

BACKGROUND

The Albany Historical Society has undertaken a program to recognize historical locations in the city with the installation of bronze plaques. To reduce the risk of theft or vandalism, and to protect them from removal in the event of building changes, the plaques are being installed in the sidewalk. This installation requires removing the old concrete and pouring new concrete with the plaque laid in place level with the sidewalk. The City Council has previously accepted the donation of four plaques from the Historical Society.

DISCUSSION

The next plaque the Historical Society wishes to install is to recognize Charles MacGregor, who built approximately 1,500 homes in Albany, mostly in the 1920's and 1930's. Mr. MacGregor was also known for hosting a free theater party each year for the children of Albany. The proposed location is the site of his office at the northwest corner of Solano Avenue at Carmel.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Historical plaques contribute to the character of the community by providing historical context for residents and visitors. As more plaques are placed, pedestrians can enjoy a walking tour of historical sites in Albany.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Albany Historical Society will pay for the cost of installation, which the City will oversee, and has purchased the plaque.

Attachments

Photos of plaque and location