RESOLUTION-EXHIBIT 1
ROBINSON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

WHEREAS, Pastor Elijah L. Hill, State Historian of The Churches of God in Christ in Nebraska, and Mark L. Cobb, agent and owner representative for the Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ, requested that Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 2318 North 26th Street, be designated as a Landmark under the City of Omaha's Landmarks Heritage Preservation Ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ is named in honor of Mr. Edward D. and Mrs. Lizzie Robinson; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward D. and Mrs. Lizzie Robinson founded the first Church of God in Christ in the state of Nebraska in 1716 in Omaha and first located at this site in 1720; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson is significant historically for her role as organizer of the women's ministry for the Church of God in Christ, the largest African American Pentecostal denomination in the world; and,

WHEREAS, this case application and supporting data are attached hereto as exhibits, and incorporated herein by this reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

THAT, the Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 2318 North 26th Street be designated as a Landmark of the City of Omaha, and that this designation shall carry no restrictions in regard to future use or construction on this site.
NAME OF STRUCTURE
   Historic    CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
               2009: 0221-022
   and/or Common   ROBINSON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

LOCATION
   Street and Number   2318 NORTH 26TH STREET

CLASSIFICATION
   Category
   District
   Building(s)
   Structure   XX
   Site
   Object
   Ownership
   Public
   Private
   XX Both
   Public Acquisition
   In Process
   Status
   XX Occupied
   Unoccupied
   Work in Progress
   Present Use
   Agriculture
   Commercial
   Educational
   Entertainment
   Industrial
   Government
   Military
   XX
   Park
   Private Residence
   Religious
   Scientific
   Transport
   Other
   Museum

OWNER OF PROPERTY
   Name   ROBINSON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
   Street and Number   2318 NORTH 26TH STREET
   City, State and Zip Code   OMAHA, NE. 68111

   Representative   Rev. Elijah Hill; Church of
   God in Christ
   State Historian of Nebraska
   Street and Number   P.O. Box 11550,
   City, State and Zip Code   Omaha, NE. 68111

LEGAL DESCRIPTION   Patrick Second Addition; Lot 3 Block 10

Signature of Owner/Representative   Mark L. Aldo
                                      Pastor Elijah J. Hill
                                      3/4/92
                                      Date
DESCRIPTION
Church building, building material make-up square concrete block. Sign hanging over structure says, Robinson Memorial church of God in Christ. On left hand side while facing structure there is at bottom a bronze corner stone marker, which states Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. and Lizzie Robinson founded this church in 1913.

SIGNIFICANCE STARTS: LIZZIE ROBINSON; b1860 April 5th, an American Christian pioneer and Omahan. The first African American female, who played a significant historical role in the organizing of the Women's ministry for The CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INTERNATIONAL the largest African American Pentecostal denomination in the world. Lizzie Robinson's brilliance as an organizer was foundational in the denomination and set the pace for its organizational growth and development for years to come.

The fact that Mrs. Robinson's national [sic] has been evaluated in a national context in relation to her denomination's beginnings in references as, (The Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, Burgess McGee and Alexander, Zondervan Publishing). Lizzie Robinson unlike other women who worked within an already existing denominational structure, had founded her denomination's women's ministry.

The Church building located at 2318 N. 26th St., is of significance to Lizzie Robinson, because Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Robinson founded this church in Omaha, in the year of 1913. Therefore; CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, had its beginnings in Omaha and the State of Nebraska at the organizing of this first Church. This site has served Mrs. Robinson and the members of their denomination for over 79 years.

To this day this church has been named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson as their Memorial. Also there is a corner stone marker engraved in the stone, that mentions these pioneers as founders of the first Church of God in Christ in Nebraska. Today this Church building still stands, known as the Mother Church, where the first African American Pentecostal organizer of national women's ministry for The Church of God In Christ International, whereby their Women's Department convention, has swelled from 20,000+ or more conventioneers held through the United States. Their organization members grown to 3.7 Million members world wide to date.
Case No. H1-92-4. APPLICANT: Pastor Elijah L. Hill and Mark L. Cobb request LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR Robinson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 2318 North 26th Street. AREA TO BE DESIGNATED IS SHADEd.

Map from:
1984 Omaha/Douglas County Historic Building Survey, Site #D009:0221-022

Scale: 1"=100'
May 19, 1992

Honorable President

and Members of the City Council,

The proposed Ordinance designates the site at 2318 North 26th Street as a Landmark. The applicant is Pastor Elijah Hill.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

PLANNING BOARD SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY: At the Planning Board public hearing April 1, 1992, Gary Pryor, Planning Director stated that the request had been reviewed and approved by the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission, and that the Department's recommendation was for approval also.

No one appeared in opposition. Full summary of proceedings attached.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Approval, 7-0.

LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION: At the public hearing February 12, 1992, Commissioner LeBeau stated that letters in favor of the designation had been received by the Commission.

Pastor Hill presented the request for designation, and explained the historical significance of the property as it relates to Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, organizer of the Women's Ministry for the Church of God in Christ.

There was also a public hearing on this request March 11, 1992 to confirm that the owner of the property agreed with the request.

No one appeared in opposition at either hearing. Full summary of both proceedings attached.

Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission Recommendation: Approval, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Pryor
Planning Director

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[Signature]

Mayor's Office/Title
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

HL-92-4
Pastor Elijah Hill

REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Historic Designation (Site Designation Only) (Church)
LOCATION: 2318 N. 26 Street

HL-92-5
Pastor Elijah Hill

REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Historic Designation
LOCATION: 2864 Corby Street (House)

These cases were called concurrently due to common interests.

At the Planning Board meeting held April 1, 1992, Mr. Gary Pryor, Planning Director, presented this request.

Mr. Pryor stated these requests have been reviewed by the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission and they have recommended approval of the designation for both of these properties.

Mrs. Jeffries stated that she does not have any objections to the designations, but is concerned whether or not the owner of the house understands the ramifications of the full designation. The full designation of the house means there can be no alterations to the exterior. Mrs. Jeffries recommended that the home owner be present at the City Council hearing.

Mr. Lynn Meyer, Planning Department, stated that Pastor Hill was at the meetings of the Landmarks Commission and initiated the designations on behalf of the property owners. Pastor Hill presented letters to the Commission from the owner of the house and from representatives of the church stating they were in favor of the designations. Mr. Meyer stated that the church designation does not carry any restrictions. There will be no design review or restrictions in terms of demolition. The house will have these restrictions.

No one appeared in opposition to this request.

Mr. Pryor stated the Planning Department recommends approval of the designation for both properties.

Mrs. Jeffries moved to APPROVE the site designation for the church and landmark historic designation for the house; 2318 N. 26 Street (Church) and 2864 Corby Street (House). Mr. Lopez seconded the motion which carried 7-0.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
1:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1992
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CONFERENCE ROOM - LG-3
OMAHA DOUGLAS CIVIC CENTER - 1819 FARNAM STREET

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Omaha Preservation Administrator certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, and in the Omaha World Herald on Wednesday, January 29, 1992, notice re: Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting, February 12, 1992.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Bryan LeBeau, Acting Chairman
Catherine Ferguson
Joan Flinspach
Paul Jeffrey (Arrived 1:55 p.m.)
Barbara J. Wickman
Tessie Edwards

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Michael Fenner
Albert Macchietto
Jim Moser

OTHERS PRESENT:
Lynn Meyer, Preservation Administrator
Mary Elliston, Law Department

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Mr. LeBeau with 5 members present.

LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS:

Case No. H1-92-4
Pastor Elijah Hill
REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Designation for church
LOCATION: 2318 N. 26 Street

Case No. H1-92-5
Pastor Elijah Hill
REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Designation for house
LOCATION: 2864 Corby Street

These requests were heard concurrently due to agreeing interests.

Mr. LeBeau stated that the Commission has received copies of letters that are in favor of the designation of the church and the house. The letters are from the following people: Councilmember Steve Exxon; Councilmember Fred Conley; Council President Joe Friend; William L. Blizek, Coordinator of Women's Studies Program, Professor of Philosophy, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Ms. Bertha W. Calloway, Director, Great Plains Black Museum; and Dr. Ronald Burke, Chair, Philosophy and Religion, University of Nebraska at Omaha.
Pastor Elijah Hill, Church of God in Christ State Historian, appeared in favor of these designations. The reason for these designations is because of their association with a significant person. The significance of the church is that it was founded in 1913. The actual house that Lizzie Robinson lived in was at 2723 N. 28 Avenue, and it was demolished. Ms. Robinson did live with her daughter at 2864 Corby Street when they first came to the Omaha area and stayed at this location for about seven years. Because her residence at 2723 N. 28 Avenue was smaller, the founders of the church would stay at her daughter's home at 2864 Corby Street. The house is still standing at 2864 Corby Street. Pastor Hill stated that in the Federal guidelines there is a statement regarding properties that were constructed within the last 50 years or associated with individuals whose significance dates from the last 50 years. The church has been at this location since 1913 and is presently operating at this location.

Mr. LeBeau stated that the Commission is looking at this designation from the association point of view, which is not to judge the building in terms of architectural quality but rather in terms of association of the historic personage of Ms. Robinson. The Commission needs to look at is the connection between Lizzie Robinson and the two buildings. Mr. Robinson was the first pastor of the church, which was established in 1916.

Pastor Hill stated the records from the Register of Deeds office show the house was built in 1909. The church was the first Church of God in Christ church established in Nebraska. There are no other buildings associated with Ms. Robinson. There are pictures or plaques with her name on them, but these are the only buildings associated with the founder of the church. This would be the only building in the United States dedicated to Lizzie Robinson. The existing church was built in about 1949.

Mr. Meyer stated that in his research they found a building permit card dated 1942 for the repair of a frame building for the Church of God in Christ at this address.

Mr. LeBeau stated the Commission usually looks at buildings because of their architectural design. If the Commission designates a building, it means the Commission has power to review any architectural changes in that building from that point on. This would mean that if the church or the owners of the house want to put siding on, change the windows, or some other significant change they would have to come to the Commission for approval. It is possible that the Commission can apply a variation of the designation, which would be a site designation which recognizes the site as being important without designating the buildings. This could be done without the design review. The final option would be designating a building in question but waiving architectural design review, except in the case of threatened demolition.

Ms. Ferguson stated the Commission would probably want to address a distinction between the church and the house. The church is not the original church, but it is the site that is the original site. The house Ms. Robinson did have connection with. Another factor is that the owner of the house will have to agree to the designation of the house.

No one appeared in opposition to this request.
Mr. LeBeau stated there are three designations that the Commission could approve for these sites. One is the straight designation with all of the controls. The second would be the designation of the building only to the extent that the Commission would be involved in the threat of demolition. The third designation would be the designation of the site as being important and leaving the buildings alone. Mr. LeBeau stated that he is uncomfortable proceeding with the designation without the owners consent.

Ms. Flinspach stated she felt the owners consent is an important issue. Ms. Flinspach stated that with the information presented to the Commission she feels that this has historical significance.

Mr. LeBeau stated the site designations are better because they carry the least number of restrictions.

Ms. Flinspach moved to lay over the designation of 2318 N. 26 Street and 2864 Corby Street until the next meeting. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Pastor Hill stated the church is owned by the congregation and Mr. Robert Alexander owns the house.

Mr. LeBeau stated at this point the Commission is looking at either designating the site and building but limit the powers over the building to threat of demolition or to designate the site without any restrictions on the alteration, use, or demolition of the building.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Ferguson, Flinspach, Jeffrey, Wickman, LeBeau

ABSTAIN: Edwards

Motion carried 5-0

CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL:

Case No. H3-92-6
W. J. Stinson

REQUEST: Approval of sign at Firehouse Dinner Theater

LOCATION: 514 S. 11 Street
(Old Mark Historic District)

Mr. W. J. Stinson appeared before the Commission in support of this request.

Mr. Stinson stated there has been a sign at this location for several years. The sign that was installed prior to this sign was installed in 1989. The original sign was perpendicular to the building so that it was readable from the sidewalk. This sign was guyed with cables from the side of the building. This present sign is in a frame that is parallel to the building. This is laced on the pipe frame with nylon cord.

Mr. Kent Behrens stated there is no permit on file for any of the signs at this location. The previous sign is similar to the present sign.
MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING
LANDMARKS HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
1:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1992
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CONFERENCE ROOM - LC-3
OMAHA DOUGLAS CIVIC CENTER - 1819 FARNAM STREET

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Omaha Preservation Administrator certifies publication in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, and in the Omaha World Herald on Thursday, February 27, 1992, notice re: Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting, March 11, 1992.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Fenner, Chairman
Joan Flinspach
Paul Jeffrey
Bryan LeBeau
Albert Macchietto
Jim Moser
Tessie Edwards

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine Ferguson
Barbara Wickman

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Meyer, Preservation Administrator
Ken Bunge, Law Department

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Mr. Fenner with 7 members present.

LANDMARKS DESIGNATION/NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION:

Case No. H1-92-4
(Over from February 12, 1992)
Pastor Elijah Hill
REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Designation for church
LOCATION: 2310 N. 26 Street

Case No. H1-92-5
(Over from February 12, 1992)
Pastor Elijah Hill
REQUEST: Approval of Landmark Designation for house
LOCATION: 2864 Corby Street

These requests were heard concurrently due to agreeing interests.

Pastor Hill presented to the Commission a letter from the owner of the house stating that he is in favor of the historic designation. Pastor Hill also presented to the Commission a letter from the church stating that they would prefer the site historic designation only. The applications have been signed by the representative agent for the church and by the owner of the house and by Pastor Hill.

No one appeared in opposition to this request.
Ms. Flinspach moved to APPROVE the site designation for the church, 2318 N. 26 Street, and a full designation for the house located at 2864 Corby Street. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion.

AYES: Flinspach, Jeffrey, LeBeau, Macchietto, Moser, Edwards, Fenner

Motion carried 7-0

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL:

Case No. H3-92-8
Curtis M. Tracy
Allright Parking
202 N. 19 St.
Omaha, NE 68102

REQUEST: Approval for sign in parking lot
LOCATION: Northeast corner of 11th and Jackson Streets (Old Market Historic District)

Mr. Curtis Tracy appeared before the Commission in support of this request.

Mr. Kent Behrens stated that the guidelines state that vacuum formed plastic signs are not allowed in the Old Market. Mr. Behrens presented to the Commission a picture of a painted sign from a different company and a picture of the sign as it now exists. The present sign is not back lit at this time. Mr. Behrens stated that if the Commission approved the sign they should make a stipulation that the sign remain unlit. The original sign had "grandfather rights".

Mr. Tracy stated that when they replaced the sign they did not know there was a designation for signs in the Old Market area. They would prefer the plastic signs as they are sturdier, they don't fade as quickly, and look nicer. Mr. Tracy stated that there isn't power to the sign so it will not be back lit.

Mr. Terrence Moore, 1026 Jackson Street, stated he is opposed to this sign as it does not fit within the character of the market. Mr. Moore stated he felt a wooden sign would be more appropriate for the area.

Mr. Behrens stated the original sign was painted sheetmetal.

Mr. Moore stated that if the sign was approved, not having it lighted would diminish the problem.

Mr. John Ruggiero, 1216 Howard Street, stated he felt the sign should remain as it is at this time because it is more visible to the public and indicates that parking is available.

Mr. Behrens stated the guidelines don't specifically speak to pole signs. Mr. Meyer stated the guidelines do not address pole signs and free-standing signs in parking lots.

Mr. Fenner stated this type of sign may not have been seen in the era that the Commission is trying to preserve, but a sign painted on wood or sheetmetal would have been.
ORDINANCE NO. 32701

AN ORDINANCE to designate the site located at 2318 North 26th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:

Section 1. That the site located at 2318 North 26th Street, which is legally described as:

Lot 3, Block 10, Patrick Second Addition, Douglas County, Nebraska, is historically significant.

Section 2. That for the reasons cited in the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission Resolution attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof by reference, states the historical value of the site at 2318 North 26th Street and is hereby deemed significant and worthy of recognition.

Section 3. That the site at 2318 North 26th Street is hereby designated as a Landmark pursuant to Section 24-61 of the Omaha Municipal Code; however, no restrictions on buildings, structures or land use are created by this designation.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect fifteen (15) days from and after the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER

APPROVED BY:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

PASSED JUN - 9 1992 6-0

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

CITY ATTORNEY

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ORDINANCE NO. 32201

AN ORDINANCE to designate the site located at 2318 North 26th Street as a Landmark pursuant to the Landmark Heritage Preservation Ordinance of the City of Omaha.

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

1st Reading MAY 19 1992 Hearing
Hearing JUN - 2 1992 over to Final Reading JUN - 9 1992
Passed 6 - 0

Mary C. Fugate
CITY CLERK