



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Joseph Horwedel

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** April 13, 2006

Approved:

Date:

4/13/06

## SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO

**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3**  
**SNI Area: University**

**SUBJECT:** City Council resolution nominating a portion of the University Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Area for designation as a City Landmark Historic District and directing the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement to initiate the required process and proceedings to establish the City Landmark Historic District.

### REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO

A follow-up meeting was held by the University Neighborhoods Coalition (UNC) to further discuss the naming of the proposed district, after submittal of the initial staff report. This memo summarizes the results of that meeting.

### RECOMMENDATION

The City Council adopt a resolution nominating a portion of the University SNI Area for designation as Reed City Landmark Historic District and directing the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement to initiate the required process and proceedings to establish the City Landmark Historic District, including necessary outreach to community members and property owners.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Planning staff has been working with the University SNI neighborhoods to determine a name for the proposed Historic District. At its February 21, 2006 meeting, the South University Neighborhood (SUN) voted unanimously to adopt the name Lowell for the Historic District due to the fact that the area around Lowell School continues to retain an earlier sense of time and place reflective of residential development within the original city limits between 1870 and 1935. Subsequently, staff brought this item as information to the Historic Landmarks Commission on March 1, 2006. Historic Preservation staff presented an email from Norman Finnance, former President of SUN. Mr. Finnance indicated there is support for naming the proposed district "Reed's Addition" because Mr. Reed was involved in the development of San Jose and "Reeds Addition" originally included parts of the proposed district. Mr. Finnance also indicated that Mr. Lowell did not have a great deal to do with the area except for the school being named after him. At its March 14 meeting, the UNC decided with a 4-1 vote to support the use of the name Reed Historic District as they believe this name is the desire of SUN, however if the SUN group has an alternative name the UNC would support that name also. The SUN President, Mike Reandau, subsequently stated that there now was more support for "Reed" than for "Lowell" and determined that SUN's final recommendation was for "Reed City Landmark Historic District".

  
for JOSEPH HORWEDEL, ACTING DIRECTOR  
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement