



# Placentia City Council

## AGENDA REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

VIA: CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2006

SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF ONE (1) BUILDING (503 MADISON AVENUE) TO THE PLACENTIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES REGISTER. APPROVAL OF PLAQUES TO BE AFFIXED ON THE STRUCTURE OR AT THE LOCATION.

FINANCIAL  
IMPACT

EXPENSE: NONE - PLAQUE WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE PROPERTY OWNER.

### INTRODUCTION:

In 1989, the City of Placentia adopted Policy No. 703 regarding historical buildings. Since then twenty (20) buildings and approximately 8 sites in Placentia have been recognized as having historical significance and plaques have been designed for and installed on each of those structures and sites. A copy of the "Placentia Historical Resources Register" is attached as Exhibit 1.

The Historical Committee is responsible for making recommendations for additions or deletions to the Historical Building List. At their November 9, 2006 meeting, the Historical Committee voted unanimously to recommend one (1) building for inclusion, the James Huntley House at 503 Madison Avenue.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve adding the James Huntley House at 503 Madison Avenue to the "Placentia Historical Resources Register" and direct the Historical Committee to obtain and install a plaque.

**ACTION:**

- Approved  Denied
- Receive & File
- Continued to \_\_\_\_\_

Consent  
VOTE: 5-0  
FILE# 165

### DISCUSSION:

The purpose of Policy No. 703 is to protect and preserve buildings of significance in the City of Placentia. It sets up a special review process to ensure that these structures are not inadvertently destroyed.

Being on the "Placentia Historical Resources Register" means that any application for exterior building modifications or demolition permits not requiring Planning Commission review shall be reviewed by the Historical Committee and the determination of the Historical Committee shall be final unless appealed to the City Council. Applications for exterior building modifications or demolition permits subject to Planning Commission review shall be first referred to the Historical Committee for review and recommendation. The determination of the Planning Commission shall be final unless appealed to the City Council.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: **DEC 5, 2006**

The Historical Committee has not checked with the State Office of Historic Preservation to determine if the house is eligible for the State Register. It does however, meet local criteria for "Placentia's Historical Resources Register". Therefore, the Historical Committee is proposing that the City Council add the James Huntley House at 503 Madison Avenue to the "Placentia Historical Resources Register" and direct the Historical Committee to obtain and install a plaque.

### The James Huntley House

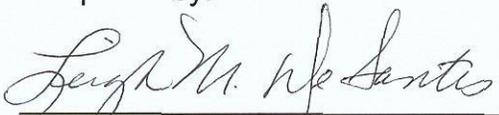
#### Historical Significance:

The home was built in 1930 for James Huntley. Mr. Huntley, who was born in Canada on March 23, 1877, married Margaret Louise Key born September 5, 1872, also in Canada. Mrs. Huntley was a cousin of George B. Key of Key Ranch. This may explain their decision to purchase a ranch in Placentia around 1920. They built the existing residence in 1930. George Key talks about them in his book "Early Placentia: It's Background and Settlers, Development, Schools and memories". Mr. Key recalls the Huntley's as "gentle soft spoken people who quietly served people in many quiet ways". He says they were greatly loved for their kindness. Mrs. Huntley died in 1951 and Mr. Huntley in 1968.

#### Architectural Significance:

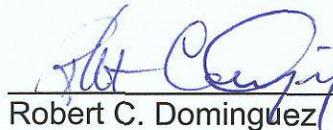
The Huntley House is a large two-story stucco home. The house is typical of the third wave of construction, the first being adobe, second wood frame in Victorian or Craftsman style and the third larger homes of stucco walls and tile roofs. Not many of these homes remain. The house was modified by Glenn and Sharon Johnson, the current owners. They designed and built a master bedroom addition that blends seamlessly with the original structure. The Historical Committee toured the home and property on October 20, 2006 prior to making their determination that the original structure and out buildings retained sufficient integrity for the property to be placed on "Placentia's Historical Resources Register".

Prepared by:



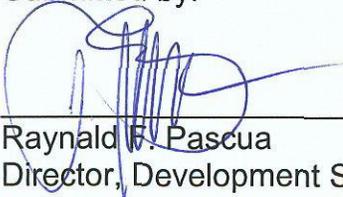
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City Administrator

Submitted by:



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Director, Development Services

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Attachment: Placentia Historical Resources Register

**PLACENTIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES REGISTER**  
**BUILDINGS LIST - As of September 30, 2005**

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1	Berkenstock House	829 Berkenstock Lane
2	Charles Wagner House	903 East Yorba Linda Boulevard
3	John Lemke House	2131 North Valencia Avenue
4	Old Placentia Library	143 South Bradford Avenue
5	A. S. Bradford House	136 Palm Circle
6	George Key House	625 West Bastanchury Road
7	Valencia High School	500 North Bradford Avenue
8	Valencia High School: Bradford School	Rooms 506-507
9	Louis Lemke House	414 North Placentia Avenue
10	Placentia Water Tower	Chapman Avenue at Main Street
11	Valencia High School Auditorium	500 North Bradford Avenue
12	Nenno House	502 Palm Drive
13	(number not used)	
14	Old City Hall	120 South Bradford Avenue
15	McFadden School & Oberle Gym	900 South Melrose Street
16	The Placentia National Bank Building	191 West Santa Fe Avenue
17	The Marjie Building	149, 155, & 161 West Santa Fe Avenue
18	The Kraemer Building	238 & 240 South Bradford Avenue
19	The Stradley Building #2	167 & 173 West Santa Fe Avenue
20.	Gilbert U. Kraemer House	525 Angelina Drive