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RE: PUD2021-0505 | Designation of 26 Historic Streetscapes as Municipal Historic Resources

Dear Ms. Reid,

Congratulations to Parks for the Mayor's 2017 Urban Design Award for the Historic Streetscapes Plan. It was nice to see that lilac medians on 6 Avenue NW, 11 Street NW, and Bowness Road NW in Hillhurst have been identified by the Calgary Heritage Authority as three of Calgary's historic resources. Our community supports the conservation of our historic resources and it is always wonderful to hear of their celebration and protection.

We agree that designation is an important tool for heritage conservation and the benefits are evident in three primary ways:

- Commemoration, to increase public awareness of the historic significance of the streets and to build an intrinsic value among the citizens of Calgary for the trees and the streets.
- Access to grant funds, for the ongoing conservation of the site. The costs associated with conservation of the streetscapes will be eligible for 50% matched funding, via the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.
- Legal protection, to ensure retention of the historic significance of the streets. This enables both contemporary and future generations of Calgarians to experience the historic design of the streetscapes.

Thank you to your presentation to the HSCA Planning Committee and community members on February 13, 2018. Community members have expressed support for the designation and continued maintenance of the historic lilacs. Some residents of Bowness Road had also expressed support for continuing the lilac medians westward, being that it is an unusually wide inner city street.

Please accept this letter as support for the designation of lilac medians on 6 Avenue NW, 11 Street NW, and Bowness Road NW as Municipal Historic Resources.

Sincerely,

Hillhurst Sunnyside Planning Committee
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association

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