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Planning and Development Department



HISTORIC DISTRICT RECONSIDERATION

DISTRICT NAME: GLENBROOK VALLEY

DATE OF APPLICATION: 06/08/10

HAHC HEARING: 11/18/10

PC HEARING: 12/02/10

BACKGROUND

The application for Glenbrook Valley Historic District was filed on June 8, 2010. On October 13, 2010, while Glenbrook Valley was still pending designation by City Council, the Historic Preservation Ordinance was amended. The Planning Department sent notification of the amendments of the Historic Preservation Ordinance on October 29, 2010 which included a summary of the amended provisions. The public hearings on the proposed designation were held November 18, 2010 and December 2, 2010 after the ordinance amendments had been adopted.

HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION APPLICATION

Under the prior ordinance, there were two ways to initiate historic district designation: 1) at the request of the HAHC, or 2) at the request of the owners of at least 51% of the tracts, constituting 51% of the land area in the proposed district.

On June 8, 2010, an application for designation of Glenbrook Valley Historic District was received with the support of **52.83%** of the tract owners, who owned **54.44%** of the land area within the proposed district. In addition, **75.12%** of buildings in Glenbrook Valley Historic District were at least 50 years old and **70.89%** were classified as contributing or potentially contributing to the historic district.

After appropriate notifications were completed, public hearings for the historic district application were held by the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) on November 18, 2010 and the Houston Planning Commission on December 2, 2010. Both commissions found that the proposed historic district met 4 of 8 criteria for designation, and recommended approval to City Council.

APPROVAL CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

To qualify for designation, an historic district must satisfy one or more of eight criteria. The Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission and Houston Planning Commission found that Glenbrook Valley Historic District met the following **four** criteria:

1. The building, structure, object, site or area possesses character, interest or value as a visible reminder of the development, heritage, and cultural and ethnic diversity of the city, state, or nation;
3. The building, structure, object, site or area is identified with a person who, or group or event that, contributed significantly to the cultural or historical development of the city, state, or nation;

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4. The building or structure or the buildings or structures within the area exemplify a particular architectural style or building type important to the city;

5. The building or structure or the buildings or structures within the area are the best remaining examples of an architectural style or building type in a neighborhood;

In addition, at the time of application, **75.12%** of buildings in Glenbrook Valley Historic District were at least 50 years old and **70.89%** were classified as contributing or potentially contributing to the historic district.

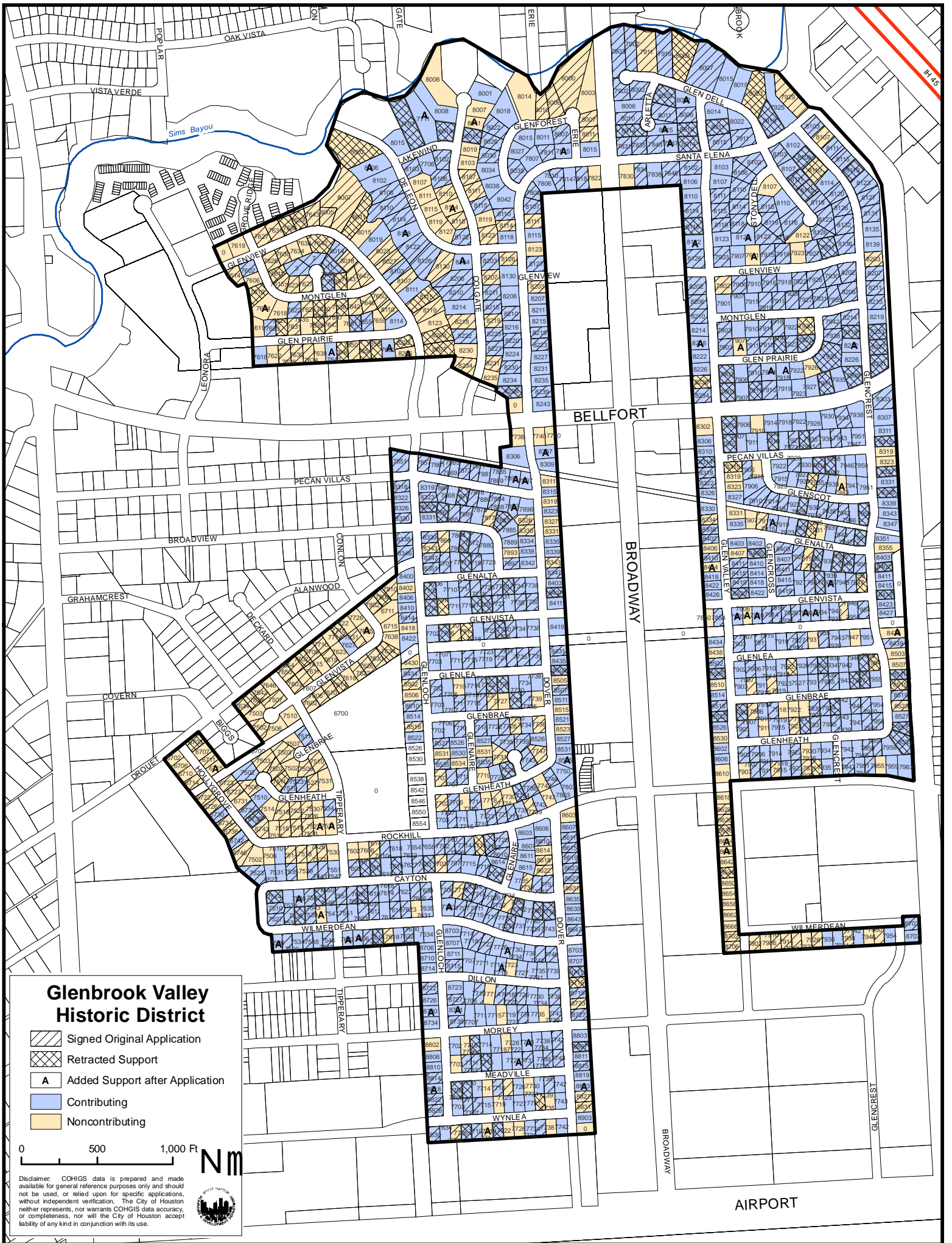
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED AT HEARING

After the application was filed, the Planning Department received additional petitions in support of the district and retractions of support from original signers of the petition at the public hearing.






Total Tracts	Original Support	Retracted Petitions	Additional Petitions	Retracted but Did Not Sign Original Petition
1255	663	155	59	16

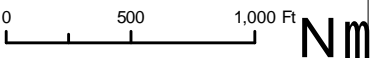
DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

Designate the historic district with no changes.



Glenbrook Valley Historic District

-  Signed Original Application
-  Retracted Support
-  Added Support after Application
-  Contributing
-  Noncontributing



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