

Staff Report – December 10, 2013

9-11 South High Street and 910 Watson Street – Demolition Hearing I

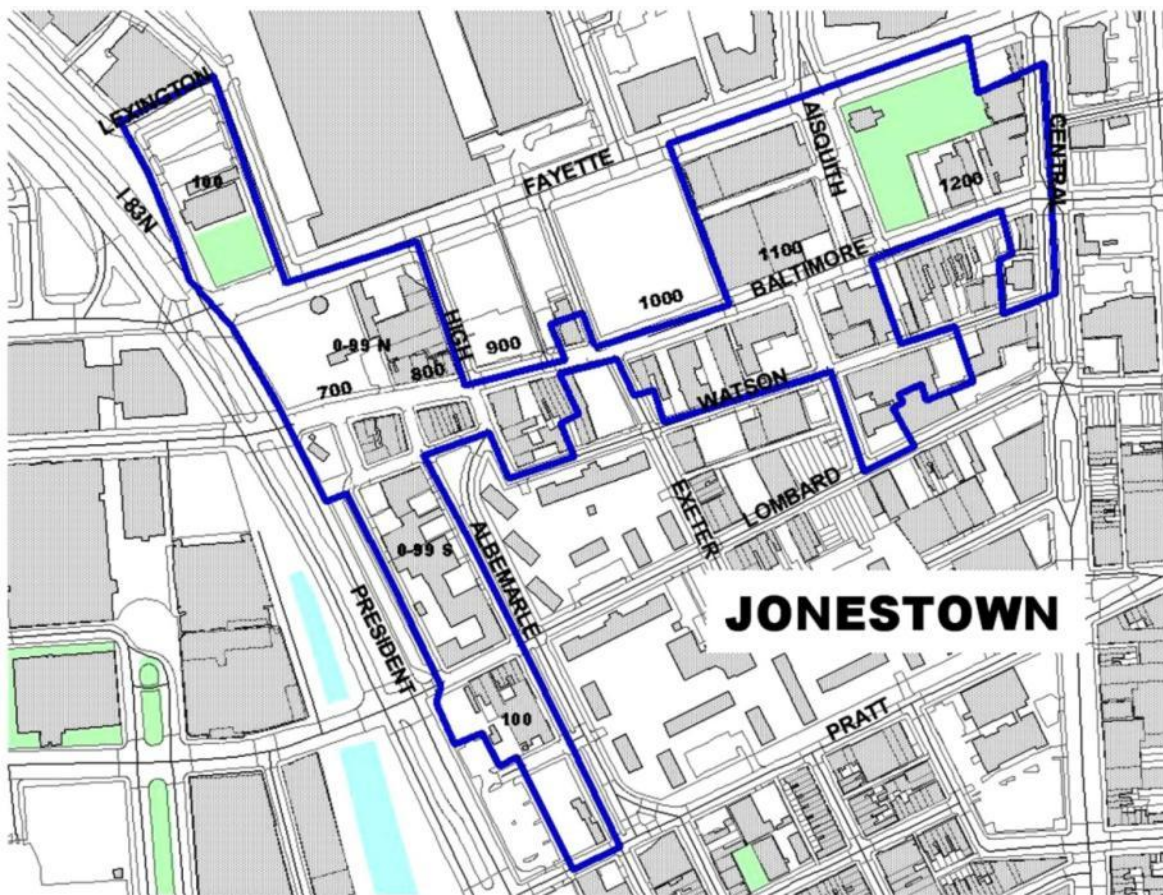
Request: Demolish 9-11 South High Street and 910 Watson Street

Staff Presenter: Eric Holcomb

Applicant: Jeff Rogers

Background:

9-11 South High Street is located in the Jonestown local historic district



Analysis:

9-11 South High Street is a one-story three-bay garage structure. The front wall is built with cinderblock and face brick. Currently no roof exists. Two garage doors are made of nonhistoric materials: aluminum and plywood. There is no historic fabric left on this structure.

910 Watson Street is a two-story non-distinct structure. The main façade currently is made of several kinds of brick, cinder block infill in upper story window openings, and an aluminum heavily dented garage door. On the east façade the structure is punctuated with upper-level boarded-up openings. The west elevation is made up of brick and stucco patches and a large opening that abuts 9-11 South High Street. By 1914, this structure included a one-and-a-half story structure, one bay deep that faced Watson Street. By 1952, this structure was incorporated into the 9-11 South High Street complex that was used as a burlap bag warehouse. The incorporation of the structure that existed in 1914-15 into the burlap bag warehouse erased any architectural or ornamental detailing on the building. Throughout the years the structure has undergone continuous change such as brick replacement, window and door opening modifications, interior wall removal, etc.

These structures have been greatly compromised and have lost any historic integrity.



Staff Recommendation: Approve demolition