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### Summary

To: Historic Preservation Board  
From: Cathy DeKarz, Management Analyst  
Date: 11/13/2018

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### Subject:

Application to Add 326 Wildwood Way to the Town's Historic Registry

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Ms. Karen Newhouser, the property owner of 326 Wildwood Way, is applying to the Historic Preservation Board and the Commission to place her home on the Town of Belleair Historic Registry. This property was nominated for historic designation in July of 2018 by the Town's historic preservation contractor, as it meets the designation criteria set forth in Belleair's Code of Ordinances.

**Previous Commission Action:** On July 24, 2018, the Historic Preservation Board received its final report from JMT that included research and documentation on 51 properties and structures in Town that JMT nominated for placement on the Town's Historic Registry.

As one of these properties was 326 Wildwood Way, the applicant now wishes to follow through with JMT's nomination to place her home on Belleair's registry.

**Background/Problem Discussion:** Ms. Newhouser's bungalow style home at 326 Wildwood Way was built in 1925 in the Bidwell's Wildwood Park subdivision, and was nominated by JMT in 2018 for placement on Belleair's Historic Registry and for subsequent placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Per the attached Florida Master Site File Form for this property, distinguishing features of 326 Wildwood Way consist of its craftsman-style elements that include its brick pier foundation and its cross-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The exterior brick chimney is also a notable feature of the home. On the interior, Ms. Newhouser cites the home's exposed shiplap ceilings and beams as a historic point, along with the house's heart of pine flooring and original lighting fixtures.

Belleair's Code of Ordinances requires that any property or structure on Belleair's Historic Registry meets at least one of the nine of the criteria set forth. However, JMT and staff believe that this property actually meets three of the points, making the property noteworthy for:

*A: Its character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the town, county, state, or nation*

*D: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials*

*F: Its embodiment of elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it*

*architectural significant*

**Expenditure Challenges** N/A

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adding 326 Wildwood Way to the Town's Historic Registry.

**Proposed Motion** I move to add 326 Wildwood Way to the Town's Historic Registry.