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Subject: Medela Rezone - Review of Historical-Period Resources
Attachments: 1 - Aerial of Cemetery Labeled w Concentration of Historical-Period Markers.jpg; 2 - Historical-Period Buildings Labeled.jpg; 3 - Table of Properties Surveyed.docx

Todd,

Thanks for asking me to take a look at the site and immediate vicinity of the proposed rezoned area we refer to Medela. I visited the site on July 9, 2015 and conducted an informal reconnaissance (pedestrian-level) survey. I did not conduct any historical research beyond determining likely dates of construction from Thurston County Assessor data.

My site inspection included taking photographs and visually inspecting the following:

1. The cemetery just north of the proposed rezone area, searching grave markers for identifying dates; and
2. Twenty (20) dwellings that lie within or are in close proximity to the proposed rezone area.

Summary:Cemetery

I identified where the core of the historic-period grave markers is located (see map in Attachment 1). I have photographs of the cemetery survey if you need them.

Most of the oldest grave markers are located at the center and northern end of the core grouping. The southern boundary of the core grouping is a minimum of 250' from the northern boundary of the proposed rezone area. In the cemetery area located between the historical grouping and the site of the proposed rezone, a review of the grave markers and mausoleum plates indicates that they date only as far back as the late 1960s.

In my opinion, with the distance between the historical core and the proposed rezone site and the intervening, modern-period burials in between, it is unlikely that there would be historic-period spillover burials on the site of the rezone.

These observations are unlikely to have direct bearing on the rezoning process but if the area is rezoned for multifamily and a proposal is submitted that requires SEPA review, an assessment of the known and anticipated nearby archaeological resources should be performed. I recommend that the project proponent consult with Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the Tribes of record to help in the archaeological assessment and identification of any appropriate mitigation as needed.

Historical-Period Houses

I did a reconnaissance-level inspection of the twenty (20) buildings adjacent to or in the proposed rezone area that appeared to be 45 years old or older (labeled with red dot in map in Attachment 2). Where a building was either in good condition or had at least reasonable integrity or both, I took a photograph. The table which summarizes my observations is attached (Attachment 3). Dates come from the County Assessor. This area contains a significant proportion of historical-period buildings of various levels of historical integrity. From this brief survey, I have noted three (3) particularly good examples of historic properties with high integrity. They are:

- 2324 7th Ave SE – NOTE: on Register
- 815 Chambers St SE
- 825 Steele St SE – NOTE: inside proposed rezone area

There is also a number of properties with a reasonable level of integrity that are likely to be fairly easily restored.

These observations are unlikely to have direct bearing on the rezoning process but if the area is rezoned for multifamily and a proposal is submitted that requires SEPA review, these properties should be further researched by a professional architectural historian to formally determine if any are eligible for the Olympia, Washington, or Federal Registers. If so, I would recommend that the consultant work with DAHP to propose mitigation measures for any such property which would be demolished or otherwise adversely affected by the development.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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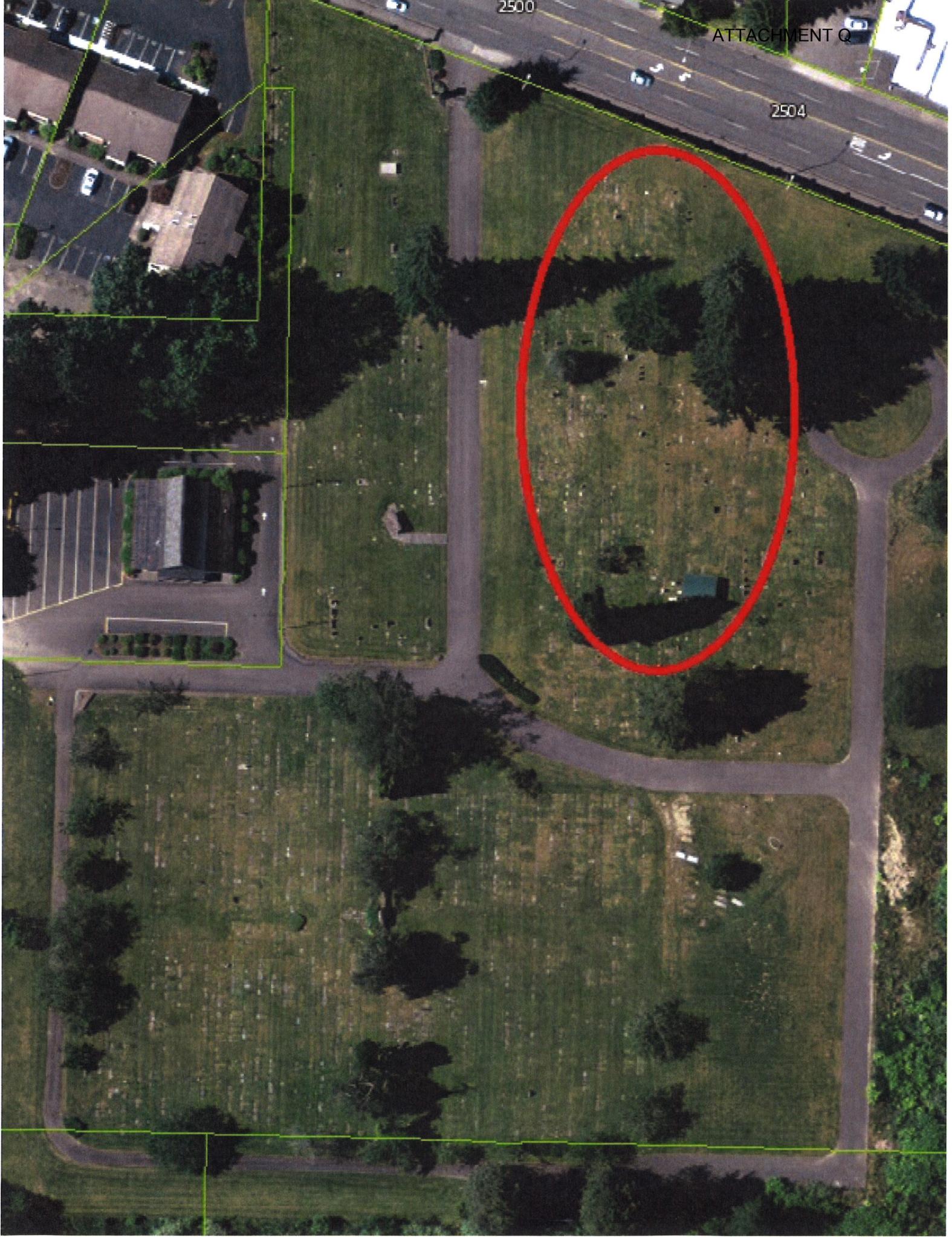
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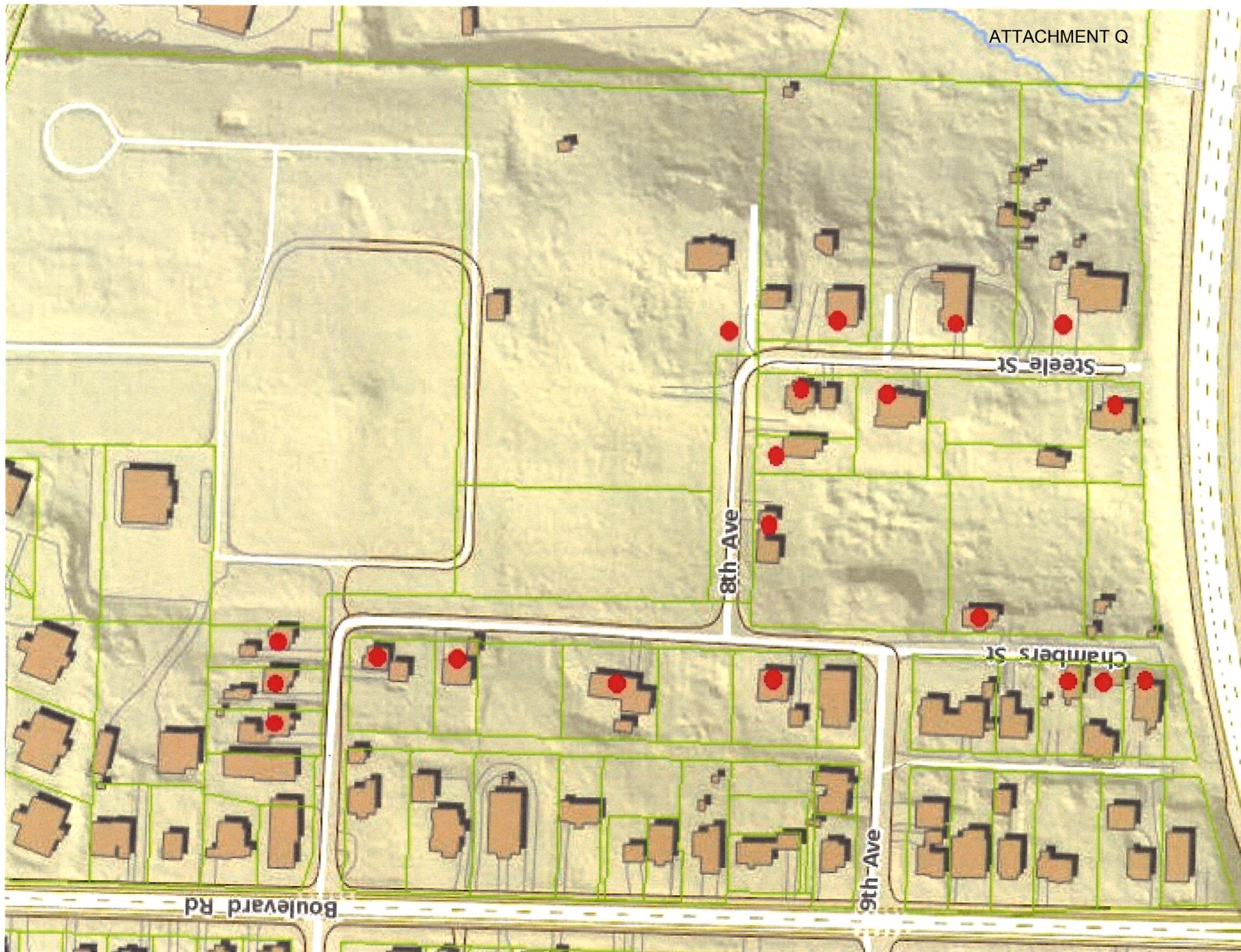
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Informal Reconnaissance-Level Survey for Medela Rezone
Buildings Aged 45 Years Old & Older

Address	Date of Construction (Assessor)	Notes	Identification Photo
2318 7 th Ave SE	1925	Poor integrity – significantly altered	N/A
2324 7 th Ave SE	1924	On Register	
2326 7 th Ave SE	1924	Reasonable integrity; condition issues	
2327 7 th Ave SE	1946	Reasonable integrity; windows altered	

Address	Date of Construction (Assessor)	Notes	Identification Photo
2419 8 th Ave SE	1938	Reasonable integrity; windows and doors altered	
2421 8 th Ave SE	1920	Reasonable integrity; some windows altered; porch alterations likely	
2504 8 th Ave SE	1940	Poor integrity – siding & windows replaced	N/A
2502 8 th Ave SE	1937	Integrity unknown – limited access with distant views	

Address	Date of Construction (Assessor)	Notes	Identification Photo
2525 9 th Ave SE	1935	Building style appears to be out of period – sign of significant alteration?	
715 Chambers St SE	1956	Poor quality construction; poor integrity	N/A
729 Chambers St SE	1951	Reasonable integrity; door replaced, windows possibly altered	
815 Chambers St SE	1929	High integrity – one window replacement visible; very good example of its type	
908 Chambers St SE	1930	Integrity impacted by poor condition; some unsympathetic alterations	

Address	Date of Construction (Assessor)	Notes	Identification Photo
915 Chambers St SE	1959	Poor integrity	N/A
923 Chambers St SE	1939	Not accessible (safety)	N/A
927 Chambers St SE	1941	Not accessible (safety)	N/A
823 Steele St SE	1910	Good condition but style does not reflect its date of construction – significantly altered?	
825 Steele St SE	1924	Very high integrity – no alterations to house visible; very good example of its type	

Address	Date of Construction (Assessor)	Notes	Identification Photo
919 Steele St SE	1901	Building style appears to be out of period – sign of significant alteration?	
922 Steele St SE	1940	Reasonable integrity; fenestration likely replaced	

