

Historians push to preserve city's architectural past

SUPERIOR: 66 historic properties could initially be included on a registry of historic buildings created by the Historic Preservation Committee.

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A registry of historic buildings in Superior could protect the city's history, but some are unsure what it would mean for property owners' rights.

Tonight, the Historic Pres-

ervation Committee will hold a public hearing to consider creating the registry.

Kathy Laakso, president of the preservation committee, said the city is rich in history, but added, "I think they've just kind of been blowing it off. I think having a local registry will bring awareness to

how many historic buildings we have left."

Initially, 66 historic properties, including private homes, apartment buildings and public buildings, are being considered for the registry. The properties were selected based on a 1983 survey of the city's historic properties done by historian Paul Lusignan.

The properties were selected because of previous owners, the property's architectural or historical contribution to the community, or

the materials used for construction. It is strictly voluntary.

Others could be added if they meet architectural, historic or character guidelines established by the ordinance. Owners of the property would apply to be added to the list and approved by the committee.

"It's about time," said Belita Scott, owner of the Raspberry Inn, and a former

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■ **What:** Public hearing for a local register of historic properties.

■ **When:** 6:30 p.m. today.

■ **Where:** Room 204, Government Center, 1316 N. 14th St.

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A list of possible properties for the historic registry.

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