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**MEMORANDUM**  
Department of Public Works

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**THROUGH:** A. Jerome Fletcher II, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager  
Jason Yarborough, ICMA-CM, Deputy City Manager  
Chuck Speake, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Manuel Abreu, Public Works Project Manager

**DATE:** September 11, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Historical and Cultural Advisory Board- City's Interests

The Historical and Cultural Advisory Board is seeking to determine whether the city has any interest in pursuing the following initiatives:

1. Proposing the Designation of Historical Sites: This would include key landmarks such as the Turpentine Dock, the rail bed of the Charlotte Harbor and Northern (CH&N) Railroads, and Biscayne Plaza. These locations hold historical significance and could be preserved to highlight the city's rich cultural heritage.
2. Designating Specific Homes as Historical Sites for Preservation: There is also interest in identifying certain historically significant homes that could be preserved and maintained under official historical site designation.

As part of this discussion, several key factors will need to be considered. These include potential tax incentives for property owners, the intent behind granting historical site status, the need for accurate historical renderings of the sites or homes, and obtaining input from the City Commission to ensure that these efforts align with broader city planning goals.