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PRESS RELEASE

**West Grand approved for historical markers**

The City Planning Department recently approved historical markers for the 400 block of W. Grand Avenue. Homeowners in the Lambuth University neighborhood have been researching original deeds, city directories from the 1920's and before, as well as reviewing the Sanborn Insurance Maps at the Tennessee Room of the Jackson-Madison County Library.

Jack Wood, library historian, has been instrumental in this effort.

Two of the houses on the block date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (c. 1915): **the Joseph Odenwald house** (419 W. Grand) and the **Sevier-Shires house** (424 W. Grand). The majority of the homes were built during the 1920s. The B'nai Israel temple on the corner of W. Grand and Campbell relocated from College St. (1907-1941) in downtown Jackson to W. Grand in 1941.

The date for the installation of the historical markers is expected to be late August or early September. The organizer of this project is **Cathy Bradley**, 426 W. Grand Ave. She is planning a block party to celebrate the history of the homes. The markers on W. Grand will replicate the ones recently installed on Arlington Avenue, Campbell St, and Westwood Avenue.