



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GOAL SETTING AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

PURPOSE: The Historic Preservation Commission shall work with the Planning Commission and City Council on matters of historic preservation; take the initiative in bringing people together on historic preservation issues; review proposed alterations to historic properties, historic districts and archaeological resources through the Certificate of Appropriateness process; and develop, maintain and from time to time amend, a plan for historic preservation in the city.

The Historic Preservation Commission shall survey historic properties including archaeological resources, recommend to the Planning Commission and City Council designations for Historic Preservation Districts, initiate designations for historic preservation districts and amendments, and establish guidelines for evaluation of historic properties, including archaeological resources; provide public information and education on preservation, coordinate resources and provide technical assistance, promote revitalization of the City through preservation, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission, City Council and citizens of the City regarding historic preservation.

The Commission may also confer with other city, county, regional, state and national historic preservation boards and commissions. The Commission shall initiate plans for the restoration or rehabilitation of privately owned buildings and the preservation of archaeological resources. The Commission shall work with City departments to discourage and prevent unwanted demolition of historic buildings and structures and the destruction of archaeological resources

Goals of the Historic Preservation Plan provide for the following:

- Protect, preserve, and enhance significant historic elements.
- Encourage adaptation of historic properties to modern use.
- Identify and protect significant historic resources.
- Ensure that new construction and modifications to properties within historic districts are consistent with the historic character of the district.
- Protect and preserve historic properties that may have value to the community in terms of tourism, education, neighborhood character and identity, and economic benefit.
- Encourage stabilization, rehabilitation, and conservation of existing housing stock to strengthen older neighborhoods.