



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission

**FROM:** Tanya Saltzman, AICP, Senior Planner

**DATE:** April 4, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Historic Preservation Strategic Plan Public Forum

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### I. Historic Preservation Strategic Plan Public Forum

On April 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. the Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), which serves the unincorporated County and the City of Sisters, is inviting residents and stakeholders to express their opinions about goals and priorities for historic preservation in Deschutes County, to be identified in the Historic Preservation Strategic Plan. This is the first of two open houses—both available for participation in person and virtually via Zoom. Information pertaining to the Zoom login is available at [www.deschutes.org/meetings](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings). The second open house will be held on April 20, 2022.

Both open houses will be structured identically: Staff will begin with an overview presentation of the HLC and the strategic plan process, followed by public input, questions, and comments facilitated by staff and Historic Landmarks Commissioners.

### II. Background

The Strategic Plan update process is funded partially by a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant. The previous Plan was adopted in 2015, covering the years 2015-2020, and is available for review on the project website (link appears below). The planning process for the 2022-2027 Plan will run roughly from March to August, encompassing interviews with stakeholders and the two virtual open houses in April to give members of the public a chance to weigh in on their desired goals and initiatives.

Developing a Strategic Plan enables staff and HLC to reach out to municipal partners, SHPO, historic landmark property owners, stakeholders, and the public to prioritize preservation programs that build upon existing projects and promote collaboration. While some of the content of the Plan document provides an overview of the HLC roles and responsibilities, Goal 5 resources, and other elements that are also described in the Policies and Procedures Manual, the Plan will

help connect the HLC to the communities it serves and will help form a foundation for future CLG grant tasks through a series of Goals, Objectives, and Actions.

### **III. Online Survey and Next Steps**

In addition to the discussions with staff at the open houses, the HLC invites residents to provide their feedback on its goals, priorities, and concerns through an online survey, which is available on the project website: <https://www.deschutes.org/cd/page/hlc-strategic-plan>. The deadline to respond is April 22, 2022.

Later this spring, staff will coordinate with the Historic Landmarks Commission to share the public input and discuss the prioritization of goals and policies, incorporating them into the Draft Strategic Plan during the summer.