

## Possible Historic Preservation Commission Goals

The Historic Preservation Commission shall be empowered to:

- (1) Make recommendations for employment of staff and professional consultants as necessary to carry out the duties of the commission;
- (2) Prepare rules and procedures as necessary to carry out the business of the commission, which shall be ratified by the city council;
- (3) Adopt criteria for the designation of historic, architectural, and cultural landmarks and the delineation of historic districts, which shall be ratified by the city council;  
**Review designation criteria and the delineation of the current historic districts.**  
**Recommend changes to the designation criteria if needed and recommend changes to the district boundaries if warranted.**
- (4) Conduct surveys and maintain an inventory of significant historic, architectural, and cultural landmarks and all properties located in historic districts within the city;  
**Develop a survey of historic, architectural, and cultural sites that are not located in an historic district.**
- (5) Recommend the designation of resources by the city council as landmarks and historic districts;  
**Recommend designation of resources outside the historic districts for landmark designation.**
- (6) Create committees and delegate to these committees' responsibilities to carry out the purposes of this article;
- (7) Maintain written minutes which record all proceedings and actions taken by the commission;
- (8) Recommend conferral of recognition upon the owners of landmarks or properties within districts by means of certificates, plaques, or markers;  
**Approve the creation of certificates, plaques, or markers and recommend landmarks to receive them.**
- (9) Increase public awareness of the value of historic, cultural, and architectural preservation by developing and participating in public education programs;  
**Digitize historic site brochure. Create descriptions for additional sites.**
- (10) Make recommendations to the city council concerning the utilization of state, federal, or private funds to promote the preservation of landmarks and historic districts within the city;
- (11) Approve or disapprove of applications for certificates of appropriateness pursuant to this article;

Review regulations for certificates of appropriateness and recommend revisions.

Consider revisions regarding administrative approval of a COA for some types of construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, and material change in the paint color, light fixtures, signs, sidewalks, fences, steps, paving, or other exterior elements visible from a public right-of-way.

- (12) Prepare specific design guidelines to be enacted by the city council for the review of landmarks and districts;
- (13) Recommend the acquisition of a landmark structure by the city where its preservation is essential to the purpose of this article and where private preservation is not feasible;
- (14) Propose tax abatement programs for landmark districts;  

This is an area of exploration at minimum. If we want to expand upon our three districts, this is a way to drive their growth.
- (15) Accept on behalf of the city the donation of preservation easements and development rights as well as any other gift of value for the purpose of historic preservation, subject to the approval of the city council;
- (16) Evaluate concept site plans in accordance with all historic district zoning requirements for proposed construction, other than ordinary repairs or maintenance for which the cumulative cost of construction is less than \$10,000.00, in the historic districts as part of the certificates of appropriateness review;
- (17) Conduct reviews of applications for alternative exterior design standards and consider the alternative exterior design standards for issuance or denial.

Banners on Mercer Street that promote our heritage and recognize historical events, persons, and places of importance.

Identify historic preservation training for Commissioners. Example: Texas Historical Commission's Real Places Annual Conference.

Apply to the Texas Historical Commission to become a Certified Local Government Community.

Review current incentives for landmarks/properties in historic districts and recommend changes.

Support renovation of Stephenson Building.

Support Old Fitzhugh Road Improvement Project.

Support Downtown Parking Project.

Support Downtown Restrooms Project.