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While I believe that historical preservation is an important goal for the community, I think we are going about it the wrong way.

I urge the HPC to halt the production of the Handbook, as it will likely become obsolete in the near term and we should save the expense. It references a Comp Plan that will be replaced. Zoning concessions for hisptric properties could change with the new zoning code. More importantly, it provides a misleading guide to the process, as it does not inform the reader that HPC decisions are appealable to the City Council. Also, there is no process for the HPC to update the guide.

Fundamentally, why do we need at HPC at all? Can't the P&Z provide this function? Doesn't P&Z already take historical importance into account? If they need expertise they can call on it. The HPC is fundamentally just more bureaucracy. The staff came up with all of the incentives, and none of the deliberations of the HPC changed anything. The fact that it has taken over two years to produce a handbook in draft form is evidence that this is not a productive process.

Thank you,

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