



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Historic Landmarks Commission

SUBJECT:

Annual Historic Landmarks Commission Report to the City Council

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

The Historic Landmarks Commission 2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) is responsible for encouraging the preservation of Salem historic resources which merit official recognition. They do this by providing a process for review of proposed alterations and demolitions of designated resources and new construction in historic districts. They also review and make recommendations to the Council on the designation of new resources. Their work implements the policies contained in the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan and Statewide Planning Goals for the preservation of historic resources. The attached report contains the Commission's 2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Work Plan.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The HLC is comprised of nine members appointed by the Mayor. As a Certified Local Government (CLG), it is required that a majority of the members meet the United States Secretary of Interior's Historic Preservation Qualifications Standards, to the extent that candidates are available in the

community. Professional fields for consideration may include archaeology, architectural history, conservation, cultural anthropology, curation, engineering, folklore, historic architecture, historic landscape architecture, historic preservation, historic preservation planning, and history. Three members of the HLC currently meet these qualification standards. The professional positions are held by two architects and a project manager. The at-large positions include a historian, a state construction project manager and residents from two of our residential historic districts. The HLC currently has two vacancies.

The HLC has prepared their 2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Work Plan (Attachment 1). The report highlights many of the commission's 2016 achievements as well as their plans for projects in the coming year.

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Attachments:

1. HLC 2016 Accomplishments and 2017 Work Plan