



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Salem Historic Landmarks Commission

SUBJECT:

Annual Historic Landmarks Commission Report

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

ISSUE:

The Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Workplan

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

SUMMARY:

The attached report contains the Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Workplan

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. At their January 17, 2019 meeting, the HLC accepted the 2018 Accomplishments and 2019 Work Plan and voted to forward both onto the City Council for their consideration.
2. Historic Landmarks Commission Chair Jamie French attended the February 25, 2019 City Council Meeting and spoke briefly about the HLC Accomplishments and Work Plan for the upcoming year. The City Council responded positively to the HLC's accomplishments and plans.

3. Throughout 2019 the HLC and staff continued to offer key programming to the public and historic property owners as well as completing their regular monthly historic design reviews, with fifty historic design reviews and twenty-seven archaeological compliance reviews.

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Landmarks Commission adopts an annual workplan every December/January and presents the accomplishments of the previous year along with the workplan for the upcoming year to the City Council. The annual workplan is typically based upon goals adopted as part of the 2010 Historic Preservation Plan. The City of Salem, a Certified Local Government (CLG) is updating Salem's 2010-2020 Historic Preservation Plan, adopted as part of Salem's Comprehensive Plan.

The existing Plan is comprised of five goals related to code improvements, public education, economic and recognition incentives, survey and heritage tourism. Salem's Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) has successfully accomplished a majority of the tasks identified in the 2010-2020 Historic Preservation Plan and a qualified preservation consultant has been hired by the City who will be assisting the Historic Landmarks Commission and city staff with an assessment of the work that has been completed to date, development of a needs assessment and updated goals through a robust public outreach program. This will result in an updated Plan (2020-2030) which will include a recommended HLC implementation schedule with recommended tasks for the next ten years. The work will be CLG grant funded and supported by city staff.

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Attachments:

1. Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2019 Accomplishments and 2020 Workplan