Historic Code Amendments

Role of Committee

- Ensure that historic district and landmark residents, property owners, and other involved parties have adequate opportunities for participation in the revision of the existing standards and the development of design guidelines
- Encourage others to complete the survey, attend the forum, or other public meeting to provide feedback and input
- Review draft code language and design guidelines and provide feedback to staff and the consultant
- Ensure that the code language and design guidelines permit and encourage desired development and changes
- Ensure that the historic review process is appropriate and is not overly burdensome to staff or property owners
- Provide a recommendation to the Historic Review Board on the proposed code language and design guidelines

Project Objectives

- Code language and design guidelines that are clear, well-organized, and user friendly
- Develop standards and design guidelines that protect the historic integrity of the historic district and landmarks while not being overly burdensome or restrictive to the property owners
- Evaluate and modify, as appropriate, the level of review for design review projects
- Establish standards that recognize the differences between the contributing, non-contributing, and not-in-period properties
- Update the historic district map to reflect infill development and any changes in property status
- Update the list of historic landmarks to reflect any changes in property status or location
- Determine appropriate location for listing of the historic district and historic landmarks (CDC, zoning map, Comp. Plan, etc.)
- Evaluate areas of GC zoning for existing landmarks
- Better incorporate the Secretary of the Interior's Standards into the design standards
- Update and add to existing definitions
- As appropriate, add standards and design guidelines that encourage sustainable practices