

The Historic Landmark Commission is working to provide clearer standards and guidelines for all historic property owners and to simplify the historic district application process. One goal is developing user-friendly common design standards for all future local historic districts, historic landmarks, and National Register historic district properties.* On Sept. 24, the Commission created a working group to make recommendations for common design standards that follow national preservation standards and are responsive to unique local character.

A range of stakeholders is being invited to participate in the working group, including a representative from the Planning Commission.

The working group is anticipated to have its first meeting in November, with work concluding by fall 2019. The entire group will meet about 6 times over that period, with meetings scheduled to accommodate as many members as possible. I know people are busy, but I believe this will be a good use of time.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thanks in advance for your help spreading the word.

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*The design standards would remain advisory in National Register historic districts.

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