

Historic Resources and Districts Public Outreach and Survey Results

Open House
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Purpose of Presentation

- ❖ Share the outreach process we have gone through to reach this point.
- ❖ Share the highlights of the results from the outreach we have conducted.
- ❖ Offer the opportunity to the community to share anything they were not able to in the survey.

Presentation Team

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Presentation Outline

- ❖ Part 1- Outreach Process
- ❖ Part 2 Highlights of Community Survey
- ❖ Part 3- Opportunities for additional comments, discussion, and questions

Part 1

Outreach Process



Part 2

Highlights of Community Surveys



Who was surveyed?

1. Property Owners on the Historic Resource Survey and/or within a Historic District.
2. Applicants who have submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
3. Community at large
4. Past HARC commissioners

Survey of Property Owners on the Historic Resource Survey and/or within a Historic District.

- Who Responded?
- General Findings.
- Survey findings as it relates to regulations

- **Who Responded?**

- 465 Responses

- 90% of respondents were residential property owner
 - 61% of respondents own a property on the HRS
 - 72% of respondents have not taken a project through HARC

- **General Findings.**

- 85% of respondents find value in owning property on the HRS or in the historic overlay.
- 97% of respondents understand there is additional oversight for historic properties

- **Survey findings as it relates to regulations.**
 - 82% of respondents identified HARC should have oversight of new construction in the overlay
 - 50% of respondents identified HARC should have oversight over the demolition of structures on the historic resources survey that are OUTSIDE a historic district.
 - 74% feel that the city's overview of properties on the HRS add value.
 - General responses indicate HARC should review High and Medium priority structures.

Survey of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Applicants 2015 to present

- Who Responded?
- General Findings
- Development Process
- Development Regulations

- **Who Responded?**

- 29 Responses

- 80% of respondents were property owners

- **General Findings.**

- 57% of respondents find value in properties in the historic resource survey or historic district

- 78% of respondents understand the additional oversight for historic properties in Georgetown prior to beginning their project(s)

- 40% of respondents identified the guidelines were not easy to understand or apply

- 61% feel that the city's overview of the HRS add value to the properties

- **Survey findings as it relates to HARC and the development process.**
 - 32% of respondents had a positive perception of HARC
 - 46% of respondents had a positive experience working through the development process.
 - 46% of respondents identified the development process was fair.

- **Survey findings as it relates to regulations.**

- 39% of respondents identified all decisions by HARC should have final approval by City Council.
- 53% identified HARC should NOT have oversight of new construction in the overlay.
- 61% feel HARC should not have oversight of HRS properties outside of the districts
- General responses indicate HARC should review High and Medium priority structures

Community Wide Survey

- Who responded?
- General findings
- Survey findings as it relates to HARC
 - Regulations

- **Who Responded?**

- 164 Responses

- 92% of respondents were residential property owners
 - 86% of respondents do not own a property on the HRS
 - 93% of respondents have not taken a project through the HARC process

- **General Findings.**

- 78% of respondents indicated downtown or old town area had an impact on their decision to live or work in Georgetown
- 62% of respondents feel city's efforts to oversee development in Old Town & Downtown Overlay Districts are effective.
- 86% of respondents find value in the city having a role in preserving historic buildings.
- 90% of respondents understand there is additional oversite for historic properties

- **Survey findings as it relates to HARC.**

- ❖ 73% of respondents have a positive perception of HARC.

- **Survey findings as it relates to regulations.**

- ❖ 80% of respondents identified HARC should have oversight of new construction in the overlay districts

- ❖ 41% of respondents identified HARC should have oversite of demolition of structures on the HRS outside the overlay

- ❖ 71% feel that the city's overview of the HRS add value to the properties

Survey of HARC Commissioners 2015 to Present.

- Who responded?
- General Findings
 - Regulations

- **Who Responded?**

- 9 Responses

- **General Findings.**

- 77% of respondents indicated they believe guidelines governing what can and cannot be done on historic properties are clear and easily applied.
- 100% of respondents had a positive experience serving on HARC
- 100% feel that city oversight of the properties on the resource survey adds value
- 44% of respondents identified the training provided was adequate
- 88% of respondents identified staff provides adequate information prior to the meeting.

- **Survey findings as it relates to regulations.**
 - 100% of respondents indicated HARC should have oversight over all new construction in a historic overlay district.
 - 55% of respondents indicated HARC should have oversight of demolitions outside of a historic overlay district.
 - General responses indicate HARC should review High and Medium priority structures.

Part 3

Opportunities for additional
comments, discussion, and
questions

