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Local Historic Review Criteria Update Public Hearing Set

What: Local Historic Review Criteria Update Public Hearing #1

Who: Durham City-County Planning Department

When: Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 1 p.m.

Where: City Hall Committee Room
101 City Hall Plaza, Second Floor
Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- The Durham City-County Planning Department is updating and consolidating the existing local review criteria that applies to all properties within a local historic district or designated as a local historic landmark.
- This update, which will result in the existing design guidelines being consolidated into a single document applicable to all districts and landmarks, will impact the local historic districts of Cleveland Street, Holloway Street, Fayetteville Street, Morehead Hill, Watts Hospital-Hillandale, Trinity Heights, and Downtown as well as all local landmark owners as indicated in the local review criteria.
- Property owners of a local historic landmark, property within a local historic district, and other historic preservation stakeholders are invited to attend the first public hearing to give

their feedback on the draft local review criteria that apply to these properties. Additional public hearings will be scheduled at a later date.

- The local review criteria are used by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) when considering requests for exterior modifications, site work, or new construction to properties with a local historic designation through the certificate of appropriateness review process.
- The review criteria for the Durham Local Historic Districts and Local Historic Landmarks were adopted at the time each was designated, between 1987 and 2014. Since the designation of these historic properties, Planning staff and the HPC have identified several key historic preservation issues where the criteria do not provide clear direction: archaeological sites; cemeteries; Modern architecture; work in the right-of-way; sustainability; new alternative or substitute materials; and distinctions between landmark properties, contributing structures, and non-contributing structures.
- A draft of the revised criteria is available for review on the [City's website](#). For additional information contact Senior Planner Lisa Miller, AICP with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28270 or by [email](#).
- Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in this event by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (919) 560-4197 or by [email](#) as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

About the Durham City-County Planning Department

The [Durham City-County Planning Department](#) is the planning agency for the City and County of Durham. The department works with the community to develop long-range and special area plans containing policies to direct growth. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to make Durham a great place to live, work, and play by working to create a strong and diverse economy, and thriving and livable neighborhoods.

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