

# Paper Survey Responses

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9 paper surveys were submitted between November 9, 2017, and February 19, 2018. These survey forms were available as a PDF file on the Historic Resources Program webpage and in hard copy at each of the four preliminary HRCP roundtables. Forms were submitted to staff both in person at HRCP roundtables and via the United States Postal Service. The responses to substantive questions are reproduced verbatim below. Demographic data has been excluded from this review.

## Identification and Inventory of Significant Historic Resources

*Questions to consider:* What qualities make a historic resource significant? What information about individual resources should be recorded and included in a citywide resource inventory? Should owner consent be required for listing in an inventory? How can an inventory of the city's historic resources best serve the public?

An inventory of the city's historic resources is a reflection of the history of the city. Owner consent should not be required.—we are interested in the greater good.
- Historical significance tells a story about history and/or culture which may include architecture, events that took place there of people historically or currently living there. - Owner consent should be considered but not required in all circumstances. - Inventory of the city's historic resources can tell current residents the story and help them become vested in continuing that story.
1. Do we know the history – I-5 was a long-used trade route pre-contact; the larger frame of natural and indigenous history is the place to start, I think. 2. Consent is less important to me than is the preservation of community and the preservation of space for trees. 3. Opening the conversation regarding history serves the public. Asking wider + deeper questions, however, is crucial.
Architecturally significant – a unique building Something or someone important lived there or happened there
To best serve the public the inventory should have both. Once designated properties + their surroundings should be protected from infill that degrades or destroys the historic properties. For example the proposed development @ 18 <sup>th</sup> /Hoyt + Irving degrades the adjacent historic homes on both adjacent side streets (Irving + Hoyt)
Record the history, document the buildings, but only designate or protect a few
1.) Diversity of style, great craftsmanship and rare old growth material. 2.) Original design elements of the structure 3.) No, we are all temporary caretakers of property. Historic properties are partly owned by the community. 4.) Presence to the street is most important. There should be more flexibility in the back of property.

## Designation of Landmarks and Districts

*Questions to consider:* How can the existing procedure for designating local historic and conservation landmarks and districts be improved? Are historic and conservation designations the best tools for honoring and protecting our historic resources? How can designation options be more inclusive of ethnic and cultural resources that may not be architecturally significant?

The changes in goal 5 will go a long way to establish smaller specialized districts ie Peacock Lane. The federal process has produced some very stable + useful historic districts. Ethnic and cultural resources might be deemed historic because of their use + the accompanying stories.
-Less onerous and incentives to become historic/conservation district such as property tax reduction or allocation of city resources to help maintain public spaces in these districts! - There should be an incentive to make people care about preserving history and culture.
1. Daylighting the limits of ownership and the benefits therein is essential to the conversation about preserving nature. 2. Space for trees and the trees themselves should be on deeds, just as buildings are on deed?
City zoning should consider the maintenance + continuation of what makes Portland so unique.
Taking affordability and effects of gentrification into account. Allowing flexibility in uses and upzoning.
Only individual significant buildings should be listed. Districts, like Laurelhurst or Eastmoreland should not be designated, as the primary goal is keeping people out
1. More discussions and meetings with owners about preservation and why the subject property makes a diverse community. We only own property temporarily. 2. this question is worth exploring. More carrots less sticks. 3. I don't know how this can be done in a capitalist society. Maybe be more restrictive zone designations or more incentives.

## Protection of Designated Historic Resources

*Questions to consider:* Are additional zoning code incentives needed? How can demolition and design protections be more relevant and effective? Should certain alterations be exempt from review? How can Portland protect the integrity of historic resources significant for reasons besides architectural merit?

Any one of these questions is worth 20 minutes of discussion and time was not allowed for that.
Yes alterations for safety or structural integrity in the event of an earthquake as well as energy efficiency, such as solar panels, should be exempt.
Please consult education measure that address behavioral change; the best book in my experience: <i>Fostering Sustainable Behavior: Community Supported Behavioral Change</i> by Doug McKenzie-Mohas.
Give financial assistance to allow future owners to be able to keep it up. Get rid of parking requirements.
1. Yes 2. Force developers to make houses available to be relocated by others. No demolitions, allow deconstruction. 3. No. Reviewers should not be inflexible elitists! 4. Use the National Standard.

## Additional Comments

*Questions to consider:* What other historic resources code changes should the project team consider?

Please work on tree-related questions in this order

1. Space for trees through covenants and conservation easements
2. Heritage trees on site—put on deed
3. Trees of significance—on deed
4. Deal w/ the loss of culture + sacred practices when original Portland site was logged + use conservation to change culture of colonization.

Allow historic buildings to implement energy measures like solar panels + vinyl windows, etc

Washington DC has historic walks in neighborhoods wh/ are available on-line AND on street plaque signs which refer to the buildings with dots – not plaques on buildings

Historic designations should not be used to stop density or apartment construction, or other needed housing.

Please no more yellow pimpled pads at intersections in historic + conservation districts. Use red, black or gray. No more orange obelisks for bike rentals in front of historic buildings. Peet's at 15<sup>th</sup> NE Broadway.