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Public Comment Period Opened for Houston Heights Historic District Design Guidelines

HOUSTON, TX — The Planning & Development Department has posted the Houston Heights Historic District Design Guidelines on the department website and has opened an additional comment period through October 6, 2017 that will include at least one more public meeting.

The draft Guidelines along with a Summary of Changes may be viewed on the Department's [project page](#), under the section titled Project Update 8/7/17. This document represents more than two years of intense public engagement. The engagement included more than two dozen public meetings, a visual preference survey completed by property owners in the districts, and consideration of more than 100 emails and letters. A draft of the Guidelines was published on June 12, 2017, allowing for extensive input that is reflected in the current draft, including nine (9) usability evaluations by architects and laypeople. This has been a highly collaborative process.

P&D intends to present the Guidelines to the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission and City Council following the close of this additional comment period. When ultimately approved by City Council, the Heights Historic District Design Guidelines will provide predictability for applicants wanting to alter or construct structures in the three Heights Historic Districts.

Please send comments and questions about the draft Guidelines to Steph McDougal at steph.mcdougal@houstontx.gov.

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