

Historic district design guidelines proposed

By: Hilary Dorsey in Architecture and Engineering, News November 3, 2022 2:53 pm



Contemporary expressions of building typologies, such as this mixed-use building in St. Johns, are encouraged in draft design guidelines for the South Portland Historic District. (Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability)

Portland City will vote Nov whether to a proposed **South Portland Historic District** design guidelines. To update the historic resource review approval criteria apply to alterations new construction district and the 42-year-old Lair Hill Conservation design guide

The council of the draft guidelines meeting on

In 1977, Portland Council established the Lair Hill Conservation

District. In 1998, a **National Register of Historic Places** nomination was approved by the **National Park Service**, expanding the boundaries of the conservation district and establishing the South Portland Historic

The **Portland Historic Landmarks Commission** adopted design guidelines for the Lair Hill Conservation in 1980. While the guidelines are still used as historic resource review approval criteria, they apply only to geography of the former conservation district, do not represent modern best practices for city design guidelines lack context and criteria related to the district's multiethnic cultural significance, a city staff report states.



The South Portland Historic District Design Guidelines Project was initiated in 2019 after repeated request **South Portland Neighborhood Association** in the years following establishment of the historic district requests were made by the Historic Landmarks Commission and **Bureau of Development Services** sta encounter implementation challenges when applying the 1980 conservation district design guidelines.

In 2019, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability appointed a nine-member **Community Advisory Gro** comprised of area residents, students, businesspeople, and historic preservation professionals to guide de of the design guidelines. Project staff released the draft design guidelines this past June.

The Historic Landmarks Commission recommends Portland City Council approve the draft guidelines.

Though the South Portland Historic District in the past was a multiethnic area inhabited by working-class | that history is not addressed in existing guidelines, city planner and BPS resources manager Brandon Spe said. However, the draft guidelines include a background section detailing the area’s social and cultural his

The draft guidelines include opportunity for adaptive reuse of buildings and allow for larger buildings in sc Flexibility would be given when projects include components such as affordable housing.

The draft guidelines involve building typologies, district patterns, site planning, porches and entries, altera additions to buildings built during the period of significance, new building heights and more. Observance (guidelines would be mandatory, Spencer-Hartle said.

Tweet

Like 0

Share

Tagged with:

HISTORIC DISTRICT

PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



Affordable housing coming to Powellhurst-Gilbert area

⌚ August 10, 2022 9:29 am



City Council, ODOT partner to advance I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project

⌚ July 13, 2022 2:25 pm

Portland poised to loosen review process for some projects

⌚ June 11, 2021 11:57 am

