



Agenda

6:15-6:35 – Arrival and sign-in

6:35-6:45 – Opening remarks, Harris Steinberg, HPTF Chair

6:45-6:50 – Mayor's Remarks

6:45-7:55 – Review and comment at stations – visit in any order

7:55-8:00 – Closing remarks

During tonight's meeting, there are questions at three different stations covering the topics of:

- **Tiering** – setting different levels of designation and protection of buildings and neighborhoods
- **Loss of Historic Fabric** – knowing what is being demolished before it's gone
- **Incentives** – some tools the city could use to motivate preservation

Tiering – Much of the Task Force's discussion has centered around the current preservation system of all-or-nothing. Places are either protected by being listed on the Philadelphia Register or not. This station looks at creating new opportunities for conservation and preservation, in addition to what's already in place, to offer property owners and communities different levels of protection. At this station, you'll be able to see what the city is currently able to regulate and ideas around how existing laws could be modified.

Loss of Historic Fabric – Designating buildings to the Philadelphia Register takes significant effort and time. In the meantime, there is a concern that we may be losing buildings to demolition before they have an opportunity to be evaluated. The Task Force is thinking about a workable process that satisfies preservation goals and respects due process and the rights of property owners.

Incentives – Currently, there are no incentives at the local level for properties on the Philadelphia Register. This station presents several types of incentives that the Task Force is considering and asks you to consider what level of historic preservation should be required in order to take advantage of these tools.

In addition, a fourth station highlights the work of PennPraxis around the **Historic Preservation Toolkit** that they have been creating with community members across Philadelphia.

PLEASE NOTE: There are two sets of identical stations for each topic – one on each side of the room.

What is the purpose of the Task Force?

In May 2017, Mayor Jim Kenney signed an executive order creating the Historic Preservation Task Force. He charged the Task Force to provide recommendations in four areas:

1. Survey of historic resources – to create a citywide process for identifying historic assets.
2. Incentives for preservation –to identify incentives for individual property owners and developers to preserve historic resources.
3. Regulations for preservation –to identify potential legal reforms to strengthen the city's historic preservation ordinance and other city policies, while welcoming new investment.
4. Outreach and Education –to provide materials for residents, building industry professionals, city staff and others to convey the value of historic preservation as well as the city's preservation laws and process. This work also includes soliciting input and feedback from the public to help inform the work of the Task Force.

Timeline for Task Force Work and Deliverables

COMPLETE



Current State of Historic Preservation: During the first four months (Sept-Dec 2017) the Task Force defined the current state of historic preservation in Philadelphia (*Online White Paper*)

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Best Practices from Peer Cities: Starting in January, (Jan – Sept 2018), the Task Force looked at how peer cities across the country have strengthened their historic preservation laws while welcoming new investment, and ensuring regulations do not burden historic property owners (*Review draft on phlpreservation.org*)

IN PROGRESS



Recommendations: In its final months (Aug-December 2018) the Task Force will identify how the city can best survey its historic assets, regulate those assets, incentivize preservation, and educate and engage residents and property owners around the importance of preservation (*Final Report Coming This Winter*)

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