

# ARB HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES REVIEW

## Minutes of August 14, 2023

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- Call to Order @ 5:03PM
- Approve Agenda – Motion by Hedman/Spence Second
- Public input on agenda items – None

### Agenda Items:

1. Discussion with State Historic Preservation Office – Jason Tish
  - a. Introduction – Certified Local Government Program & Historical Preservation Planning
  - b. Discussion/Topics from Jason’s tour of Bayfield
    - i. City is in transitional period from blue collar (fishing/logging) to tourism
    - ii. “Pivotal” is an old term – National Registry only uses Contributing/Non-Contributing
    - iii. Historical districts ‘rides’ on Ordinance
    - iv. Not applying consistent standards is illegal
      1. ARB needs to revamp or use new set of design guidelines
        - a. Guidelines need to be well illustrated & consistent
    - v. Do not put same standards on new construction as historical even if in same district – create synergy with old & new but still be consistent
    - vi. Legislating paint color is unnecessary
      1. Painting is eligible for tax credits
    - vii. Dispense district & identify key landmarks
    - viii. Public Awareness- promote local history & character – Partner with Bayfield Heritage Society
    - ix. Lack of Enforcement causes a lot of blowback on City Staff
      1. Narrowing focus to smaller district may help
      2. Contracting extra staff on a part-time basis - Planning Consultant
    - x. Now is a good time to rewrite guidelines/district with the Zoning rewrite
    - xi. Should make designations before abolishing district
      1. Good for the interim before CLG survey
2. Key takeaways:
  - a. Jason will send model ordinances w/ good standards
  - b. Become CLG – no fee
    - i. Amend ordinance
      1. Send application to Jason
        - a. Once CLG - apply for grant for new guidelines (2025)
        - b. Apply for grant for survey (2026)
  - c. CLG Requires
    - i. No opt out clause for property owners
    - ii. Cannot require owner consent to designate
  - d. Recognized National Registry Designations bring Tax Credits
  - e. Districts only need two properties to designate

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:06PM