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Historic Preservation in FXBG — Review and discussion of two important documents now underway

The City of Fredericksburg is currently working on a review and revision of two important documents related to historic preservation in Fredericksburg. One is the revision of Chapter 8 of the Comprehensive Plan and the other is a new version of the Historic District Handbook. We encourage folks to take a look at these proposed draft documents, as they will be taken up by the City for public comment very soon.

HFFI hires national expert for assistance and insight

From HFFI Board President, David James: "We are supporting the City's efforts to review the Comprehensive Plan and the Historic District Handbook. In order to do so effectively, we have hired an outside consultant to give us an arm's length review of the City plan.

"His name is Dan Becker and he has lectured at the University of Mary Washington. He is the owner and managing principal of Heritage Arts of N.C. and we look forward to his support."

Dan Becker of Heritage Arts of NC LLC heritage-arts.net

- Nearly 30 years in Preservation Planning, retiring in 2015 as the manager of the Long Range Planning Department of the City of Raleigh
- 8 years on the Board of Directors of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
- Served on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Center for Preservation Leadership Advisory Board
- 25 years as Executive Director of the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission, Inc.



<u>Dan Becker's final observations</u> are available for viewing on the HFFI website — https://hffi.org/...HFFI-Observations-Letter-final-Dan-Becker-consultant-2021.pdf [Please reach out to the HFFI office at office@hffi.org or 540-371-4504 for a paper copy]

<u>The draft (revised) Chapter 8</u> of the Comprehensive Plan and <u>The draft</u> (revised) Handbook (or Historic District Guidelines) are both available on the City of Fredericksburg's website.

In addition to these historic preservation documents, Dan reviewed other important City planning documents, to include the Comprehensive Plan and Vision Statement.

The City opened the review and public comment period for the revised Handbook (Guidelines) document at the Architectural Review Board meeting on May 10 and the public comment period is open for two weeks before the draft will be sent to City Council. The Planning Commission will be closing public comment soon on the Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8 and sending that to City Council. *NOW is your chance to make an impact on historic preservation in Fredericksburg.* Reach out to us at Membership@hffi.org with your concerns, questions, or other comments.



Upcoming Events

May 20, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Virtual Talk by Barbra Anderson, HFFI Board member & local history teacher

Route One: The History of Driving in Fredericksburg

FREE — Register at HFFI.org/events

Stay up to date on upcoming walking tours and other events this summer and fall through <u>Facebook</u> or the <u>HFFI Events Page</u>.





Annual Membership Meeting

Did you miss the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting on March 28th or just want to revisit what you heard? Visit the HFFI.org website to view the presentation as a PDF — here you can catch up on the Preservation Awards & read more about HFFI's plans for 2021.

Volunteer Tribute

Rita Caruth was a long-time volunteer with HFFI — giving of her time to help host at the annual Candlelight Tour, assisting with projects around the Lewis Store, and with her husband Greg, generally provide enthusiastic support to the organization wherever it was needed most. We are so grateful for Rita's sharing of her time with HFFI and send our condolences to Greg and all who knew and loved Rita.

Tribute to Rita — https://www.covenantfuneralservice.com/ tributes/Rita-Caruth

