

Washington Street Local Historic District Designation Process

1. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviews petition from the Washington Street Historic Preservation Society to designate Washington Street a Local Historic District on April 8, 2021 and unanimously recommends proceeding with local designation process.
2. City of High Point Planning & Development Department holds a Community Meeting on December 8, 2021 at the Community and Neighborhood Development Center to discuss proposed Washington Street Local Historic District.
3. City of High Point Planning & Development Department receives draft Washington Street Local Historic District Designation Report from Architectural Historian Heather Fearnbach working on behalf of the Washington Street Historic Preservation Society on December 5, 2022.
4. HPC is scheduled to review draft Washington Street Local Historic District Designation Report at its January 11, 2023 regular meeting. The HPC can recommend changes or decide to forward the local designation report to the NC Department of Cultural Resources (NCDCCR) State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
5. Following review by the HPC, the local designation report is forwarded to NCDCCR SHPO for review and comment. The SHPO makes an analysis of, and recommendation concerning the proposed local historic district within 30 days.
6. Following receipt of the of the SHPO's comments concerning the proposed district, the HPC will receive a summary of the SHPO's comments.
7. City Council initiates zoning map amendment process for Washington Street Local Historic Overlay District.
8. Community Meeting is organized to discuss proposed Washington Street Local Historic District prior to initiating zoning map amendment process for proposed local historic district.
9. The HPC makes a formal recommendation on the proposed local historic district following Community Meeting.
10. The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) shall review the application and make a recommendation on the proposed Washington Street Local Historic Overlay District that is forwarded to City Council for their consideration.
11. The City Council shall review and make a decision whether to approve the proposed Washington Street Local Historic District.
12. If the proposed Washington Street Local Historic Overlay District is approved by City Council, revisions to the City's Historic District Design Standards will be required, including a special character essay for the district and additional design standards that address commercial buildings.