

HRCP Coordination Between the Planning and Sustainability Commission and the Historic Landmarks Commission

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The proposals in the Historic Resources Code Project (HRCP) update the City's Zoning Code regulations regarding historic resources. While the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) is the body that recommends Zoning Code amendments to City Council, the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) plays an important role. Per Title 33 [italics added]:

33.710.060 Historic Landmarks Commission

- A. Purpose. The Historic Landmarks Commission provides leadership and expertise on maintaining and enhancing Portland's historic and architectural heritage. The Commission identifies and protects buildings and other properties that have historic or cultural significance or special architectural merit. The Commission provides advice on historic preservation matters, and coordinates historic preservation programs in the City. The Commission is also actively involved in the development of design guidelines for historic districts.*

- D. Powers and duties. The Historic Landmarks Commission has all of the powers and duties which are assigned to it by this Title or by City Council. The Commission powers and duties include:*
 - 7. Providing advice on historic preservation matters to the Hearings Officer, Design Commission, Planning and Sustainability Commission, Portland Development Commission, other City commissions and committees, and City Council;*

Two avenues will be used for the HLC to provide advice to the PSC during the HRCP project:

- 1. HLC Chair (Kristen Minor) will participate in the PSC deliberations to:**
 - Share HLC expertise and perspective on all 14 proposals.
 - Provide feedback to the PSC regarding their potential amendments.
 - Report back to the HLC on the project's progress.

- 2. A "3x3" PSC-HLC work group will form:**
 - To discuss **issues that require more time** than what's available at the PSC work sessions. The PSC can ask the 3x3 work group to explore solutions to bring back to the PSC. (This is modeled from the PSC DOZA Standards work group.)
 - For the PSC to solicit feedback on their **potential amendments** from the HLC members. (This is modeled from the DOZA 3x3 work group).

In addition, but as a second priority, the 3x3 work group may:

- Discuss **an approach for future work** of the Historic Resources Program. This includes collaborating on a shared vision to present to City Council and whether the PSC/HLC should hold a joint briefing to discuss this more publicly.

Members:

- PSC: Kat Schultz, Steph Routh and Jeff Bachrach
- HLC: Kristen Minor, Matthew Roman and Maya Foty