



Local Historic District Expansion

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Dawn Blobaum, Special Projects Manager
Date: March 12, 2019
Re: Local Historic District Expansion

1. OVERVIEW

We discussed the expansion of the local historic district at the October 23 board meeting and you approved Mary Ruffin Hanbury as our consultant. She completed a public input session and windshield survey last November as her first phase of the project, and has proposed the second phase of work. She will complete all the surveying and documentation required to expand the local historic district to approximately the size of the National Register Historic District. This involves surveying over 500 properties, coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Office, and delivering the documentation to us so the board can determine appropriate boundaries and proceed through the local historic district designation process. She will deliver the documentation in segments.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan: Historic Preservation: Create/expand local historic district.

Core values: Davidson's traditional character is that of a small, historic college town, so land planning will reflect its historic patterns of village-centered growth including connection of neighborhoods, preservation of our historic resources, conservation of rural area, and provision of public spaces.

Constituents: All Davidson residents.

3. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

Requested actions: The board approved \$10,000 in the FY19 budget for historic preservation work. Phase I of the local historic district expansion was \$2250. Phase II will be \$31,500. We're asking the board to appropriate \$23,750 for Hanbury Consulting to complete Phase II.

4. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

NA

5. NEXT STEPS

Phase 2 documentation can be completed by mid-summer, 2019.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has 30 days to review and comment. The local district designation/rezoning has to be reviewed by the Davidson Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Planning Board, requires a public hearing, and then comes to the Board of Commissioners for approval of the ordinance.