
Seward Historic Preservation Commission

Work Session Packet



Work Session Topics:

- 1) Alaska State Preservation Office's *"Meeting in a Box"* Workshop

September 12, 2024

City Council Chambers

Beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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Participant Worksheets





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Welcome & thank you!

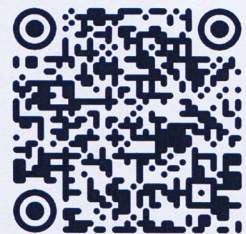
Thank you for participating in an Alaska Statewide Historic Preservation Plan *Meeting in a Box*. While the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office leads the statewide plan update effort, the process is dependent on input from people like you.

Your input today will help identify issues about historic preservation that need to be addressed within the updated plan. Moreover, your voice will inform the Statewide vision for the future of preservation in Alaska—along with goals and objectives—so that preservation challenges can be met and overcome at the community and state level.

We encourage you to stay involved in the planning process by visiting the Saving Our Past (alaska.gov) webpage and comment on drafts.

Sincerely,

The Alaska Statewide Historic Preservation Planning Team &
The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office



The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) &
Alaska's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

2a. Engagement Exercise #1

As a group, pick the top three benefits that make historic preservation important to you, your organization or your community:

1. ___ Allows for community focused public spaces
2. ___ Economic vitality
3. ___ Ensuring future generations have access to historical resources
4. ___ Good urban design
5. ___ The ability to teach/learn about Alaska's history
6. ___ The ability to conduct historical research
7. ___ The preservation of cultural identity/heritage
8. ___ The preservation of sacred places or space
9. ___ Other _____

Deep Dive:

After the group has identified the top three benefits, divide up into three groups and your group host will assign one to each group. Discuss in your group why that reason is important to you, your organization or your community.

Our group discussed #: _____

“How would this reason help promote historic preservation in Alaska?”

2b. Engagement Exercise #2

As a group, you will complete an exercise to rank the things your group sees as the biggest challenges to historic preservation.

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1. ___ Public does not value historic preservation enough
2. ___ Lack of understanding of existing and potential resources
3. ___ Low lawmaker interest in historic preservation
4. ___ Economy
5. ___ Too much emphasis on development
6. ___ In-and-out migration of rural communities
7. ___ Too many other priorities
8. ___ Not enough people do preservation work
9. ___ Climate Change
10. ___ Perception that new is better than old
11. ___ Safety concerns (code issues, school safety, etc.)
12. ___ Natural disasters
13. ___ Site vulnerability
14. ___ Housing needs, including affordability
15. ___ Gentrification and displacement
16. ___ Public infrastructure changes and needs
17. ___ Changes in worship, recreation, transportation, and other cultural norms
18. ___ Other _____

Deep Dive:

After the group has identified the top three challenges, divide up into three groups. The group host will assign one to each group. Discuss in your group what your community or group could do to address this challenge to historic preservation.

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