Seward Historic Preservation Commission

Work Session Packet



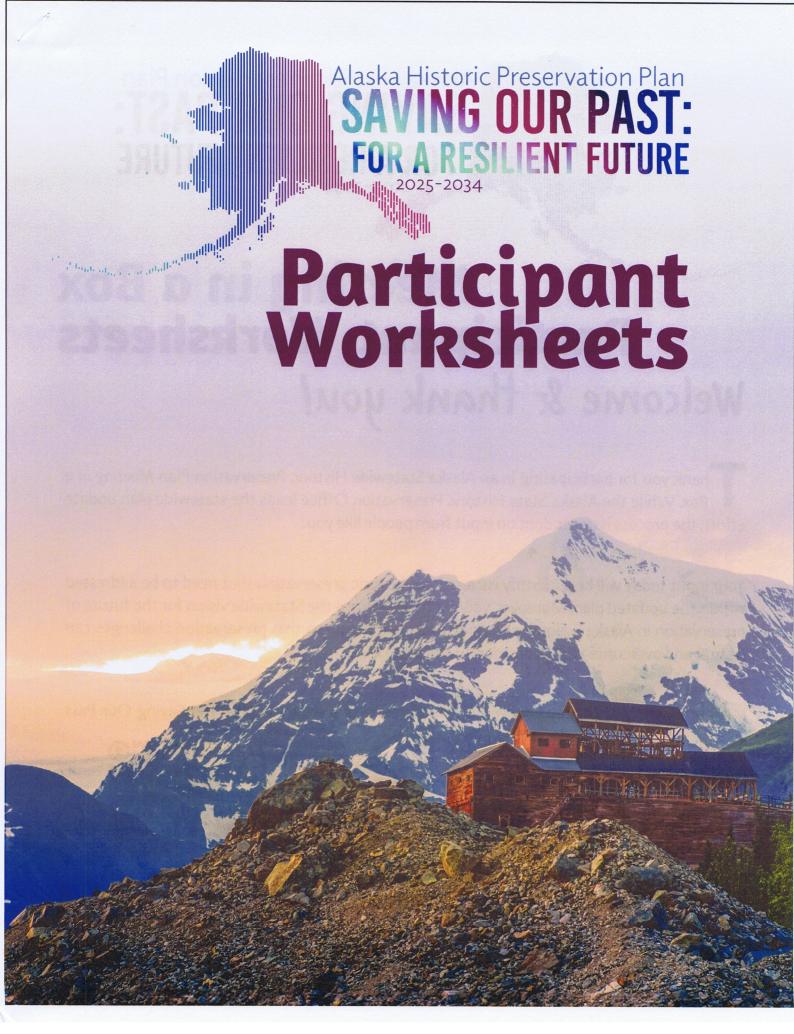
Work Session Topics:

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

September 12, 2024

City Council Chambers

Beginning at 5:30 p.m.





Meeting in a Box Participant Worksheets Welcome & thank you!

hank 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





1. Warm-up

Answer one of the following questions:
1 What is one Alaska place, location, or site that you want preserved to pass on to the next generation?
2 What value does historic preservation have within your community now or in the future?
3 What is your favorite memory of a historic or cultural place?
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2a. Engagement Exercise #1

5 The ability to teach/learn about Alaska's history
6 The ability to conduct historical research
7 The preservation of cultural identity/ heritage
 The preservation of sacred places or space Other
benefits, divide up into three groups and p. Discuss in your group why that reason is mmunity.
preservation in Alaska?"
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As a group, pick the top three benefits that make historic preservation important to you,

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

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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2c. Engagement Exercise #3

Step 1: Personal reflection followed by open discussion.

Take 3-5 minutes to reflect and write on the question:

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Please return all your completed worksheets to the meeting host.

Thank you!

