



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
ANN ARBOR
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
TO THE ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Introduction

In accordance with the bylaws of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission, an annual report is to be prepared by staff, approved by the Commission, and presented to City Council each year outlining the activities of the Historic District Commission for the previous year.

Annual Retreat

A Historic District Commissioner retreat was held March 7, 2020. The retreat agenda included review and discussion of:

- ❑ 2020 Work Plan
- ❑ Annual by-law review
- ❑ Policy Agenda items
- ❑ Review of Projects built in the last year
- ❑ Overview of mini-splits and applicable design guidelines

Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no HDC meetings were held in March or April. In May, the HDC resumed monthly meetings virtually via Zoom. Meetings were virtual for the remainder of 2020.

Certificates of Appropriateness

A total of 185 applications were received by the Commission in 2020 for Certificates of Appropriateness. The Historic District Commission has delegated a number of minor activities to staff to approve on their behalf, and 149 of the 185 (or 81%) applications submitted were approved by staff.

The Commission held hearings on the other 36 applications during their regular monthly meetings. All were approved and received Certificates of Appropriateness. All of the sites were visited prior to their hearing by the HDC Review Committee, which consists of two Commissioners and staff.

Historic Preservation Awards

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no historic preservation awards were granted in 2020.

For More Information

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