



# ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION FALL BUSINESS MEETING

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**MEETING**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
**December 15, 2021**

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**Call to Order 1:30 p.m. EST**

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**MEETING**  
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**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

- I. Vice Chairman's Welcome and Report. *Vice Chairman Jordan Tannenbaum will provide highlights of his recent activities on the ACHP's priorities.*
- II. ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. *Vice Chairman Tannenbaum will join Arthur Jemison, HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, in presenting the joint award.*
- III. Executive Director's Report. *Acting Executive Director Reid Nelson will report on the status of President Biden's nomination of Sara Bronin to the position of chairman and other personnel changes in the ACHP.*
- IV. ACHP Strategic Plan Update. *Vice Chairman Tannenbaum will ask the committee chairmen to report on discussions within their committees on potential revisions to the ACHP strategic plan and lead a discussion among members on appropriate steps to prepare for amendments to the current plan. No action.*
- V. Climate Change and Historic Preservation
  - A. Climate Change Task Force Update. *Vice Chairman Tannenbaum will provide a summary of the recent Task Force meeting and future plans for addressing key issues relating to climate change and historic preservation. No action.*
  - B. America the Beautiful. *Representatives of the Department of Interior and the Council on Environmental Quality will provide an overview of the Administration's priorities and recent efforts in implementing the America the Beautiful initiative. Vice Chairman Tannenbaum and Native American Affairs Committee Chairman Reno Franklin will summarize recent ACHP listening sessions with tribal and Native Hawaiian leaders, preservation advocates, and others on the inclusion of cultural resources in the initiative. The members should be prepared to provide their own views on the inclusion of cultural resources in this initiative.*
- VI. Historic Preservation Policy and Programs
  - A. Legislation. *Preservation Initiatives Committee Chairman Rick Gonzalez will report on the committee's review and consideration of several bills with historic preservation implications. Possible action.*
  - B. Other Reports. *This will provide an opportunity for additional reports related to historic preservation policy and programs.*

- VII. Section 106
- A. Program Comment Panel Recommendations Implementation. *Federal Agency Programs Committee Chairman Jay Vogt will provide an update on the implementation of the ACHP's Program Comment Panel's recommendations on improving the planning and development of program comments. No action.*
  - B. Other Reports. *This will provide an opportunity for additional reports related to Section 106 issues.*
- VIII. Native American Affairs
- A. White House Tribal Nations Summit Report. *Native American Affairs Committee Chairman Reno Franklin will provide a summary of outcomes from the White House Tribal Nations Summit. No action.*
  - B. Other Reports. *This will provide an opportunity for additional reports related to Native American Affairs.*
- IX. Communications, Education, and Outreach
- A. C-SPAN National Outreach. *Communications, Education, and Outreach Committee Chairman Luke Nichter will provide a report on the ACHP's work with C-SPAN to highlight the activities of the ACHP. No action.*
  - B. Other Reports. *This will provide an opportunity for additional reports on communications, education, and outreach issues.*
- X. ACHP Foundation Report. *President Katherine Slick will provide an update on Foundation activities and fundraising efforts.*
- XI. New Business. *There is none at this time.*
- XII. Adjourn. *The meeting will adjourn by 4:30 p.m. EST*



## ACHP STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE Office of Preservation Initiatives

**Introduction.** After each Presidential election, federal agencies are required to develop revised strategic plans to reflect the priorities of the newly elected President (incoming or re-elected). Agencies are given approximately one year from the election to develop revised plans. Typically this one year development period allows for new heads of federal agencies to be nominated and confirmed in time for them to oversee the development of new strategic plans. In accordance with this general timeline, the ACHP would be required to submit a new plan for the period covering FY 2022-2026 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by February 7, 2022. Given that Professor Sara Bronin, President Biden's nominee, has not yet been confirmed by the Senate, complying with this timeline would require the ACHP to begin the process of revising its strategic plan and potentially even finalize the plan prior to her confirmation as chairman. While it is appropriate to begin the initial review of and planning for the update to the ACHP's strategic plan, should Professor Bronin not be confirmed soon by the Senate, the ACHP can request an extension of time from OMB, as was done when former Chairman Aimee Jorjani's confirmation was delayed.

**The Current Plan.** The [current ACHP Strategic Plan](#) was adopted on December 5, 2019. In addition to a mission statement, vision statement, and a cross-cutting objective (addressing inclusiveness), the plan sets forth five strategic goals:

- Foster the identification, protection, and enhancement of historic properties through the Section 106 process to advance the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
- Assist federal agency preservation program initiatives to enhance the identification, preservation, and stewardship of all types of historic properties, and encourage contributions to tribal, state, local, and private preservation efforts.
- Foster broader appreciation for and knowledge of historic preservation, history, and the work of the ACHP among diverse audiences and communicate the value and benefits of preserving historic resources.
- Formulate and advance effective public policies and programs that support and encourage historic preservation activities carried out by the federal government, Indian tribes, states, local governments, Native Hawaiian organizations, and private organizations and individuals.
- Obtain and effectively manage the ACHP's resources to ensure its mission is accomplished while meeting high standards of service.

Four-year strategic objectives flesh out each of these goals.

**The Revision Process.** The current plan replaced one from 2014. Given that it had been five years since the plan had been updated, the ACHP undertook an in-depth process of review and revision that included the following: outreach to key stakeholder groups and the public; an all-day staff planning retreat; and a webinar for ACHP members. Given that the resulting plan is now only two years old, staff suggests that a similar comprehensive review is not necessary to revise the relatively recent current plan.

In order to facilitate the initial analysis of the current plan and where it might warrant amendment, staff has flagged points in it where edits might enhance the goals and objectives addressing key issues such as equity, climate change, and the concerns of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. (See the attached copy of the plan with staff comments.)

**Action Needed.** Each committee should discuss the current plan and provide feedback on the staff recommendations regarding possible revisions and any other area where they believe updates may be necessary. At the business meeting, the members should discuss these recommendations and determine appropriate additional steps to advance the revision of this plan as the Senate process for confirming a new chairman proceeds.

**Attachment:** Recommendations Regarding Possible Revisions to the ACHP 2019 Strategic Plan

*December 6, 2021*



**Recommendations Regarding Possible Revisions to the  
ACHP 2019 Strategic Plan  
December 6, 2021**

*Comments below from ACHP staff highlight places in the Strategic Plan where edits might enhance consideration of key issues, including equity, climate change, and the concerns of Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.*

**ACHP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2019**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the nation's diverse historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

**VISION STATEMENT**

A nation in which all Americans understand and appreciate their history, and public policy supports the preservation of historic resources.

**CROSS-CUTTING OBJECTIVE**

While encouraging efficiencies, collaboration, and consultation, strive to ensure that the national historic preservation program reflects the full American story, **engages all constituencies**, and benefits the public.

**Comment [ACHPStaff1]:** Consider expanding this to reference underserved communities and communities seeking environmental justice.

**STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**I. FOSTER THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES THROUGH EFFECTIVE REVIEW OF FEDERAL UNDERTAKINGS**

**Strategic Goal:** Foster the identification, protection, and enhancement of historic properties, through the Section 106 process to advance the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

**Four-Year Strategic Objectives**

- A. Enhance the awareness, knowledge, and capabilities of participants in Section 106 reviews to better carry out their roles in the process, and to improve communication among these parties.
- B. Focus ACHP involvement in individual Section 106 cases to serve the **public** interest and advance preservation outcomes, particularly with infrastructure projects.

**Comment [ACHPStaff2]:** Consider revising to also reference Indian tribes since the ACHP reinforces to consulting parties in the Section 106 process that tribes are not the "public."

- C. Collaborate with federal agencies to tailor the Section 106 process to meet specific agency needs, with the goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Section 106 process in the context of agency missions, project schedules, and budgets.
- D. Assist federal agencies in meeting their Section 106 consultation responsibilities with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) and encourage early engagement with tribes and NHOs during project planning.
- E. Improve coordination of the Section 106 process with other provisions of the NHPA, related federal environmental and preservation processes, and federal regulatory accountability requirements and initiatives, with particular attention to infrastructure project reviews.
- F. Assist agencies in meeting their responsibilities in the Section 106 process and encourage agencies to engage all stakeholders and the public early in project planning and Section 106 review.
- G. Promote availability of accurate and accessible digital and geospatial information about historic properties in order to assist agencies in avoiding and minimizing adverse effects of their projects on historic properties and in expediting project delivery.

**Comment [ACHPStaff3]:** Consider expanding to include "...with particular attention to identification and evaluation of historic properties of religious and cultural significance."

**Comment [ACHPStaff4]:** Consider expanding to reference underserved communities and communities seeking environmental justice.

## II. PROMOTE FEDERAL PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

**Strategic Goal:** Assist federal agency preservation program initiatives to enhance the identification, preservation, and stewardship of all types of historic properties, and encourage contributions to tribal, state, local, and private preservation efforts.

**Comment [ACHPStaff5]:** Consider adding "Native Hawaiian" since Native Hawaiian organizations are recognized in the National Historic Preservation Act and the ACHP's regulations.

### Four-Year Strategic Objectives

- A. Assess and advise on the effectiveness of the federal preservation program established by the NHPA with particular attention to collaboration with federal agencies and other stakeholders to make the federal preservation program more effective and meaningful.
- B. Collaborate with federal agencies and other stakeholders to publicize (and assist in implementing, where appropriate) federal agency program initiatives and achievements that demonstrate the successful preservation and productive use of historic properties.
- C. Assist federal agencies in meeting the goals and requirements for stewardship of historic properties set forth in the NHPA and Executive Order 13287, "Preserve America," as they carry out agency missions.
- D. Facilitate collaboration and partnerships among federal agencies and other parties to help agencies meet their preservation program needs and goals, with particular attention to the challenges of underutilized federal historic properties.
- E. Promote consideration of historic preservation concerns and techniques in agency efforts to address issues of sustainability, resilience, and adapting to a changing climate.
- F. Assist agencies in developing federal policies and programs that address infrastructure and energy development while minimizing impacts on historic properties and meeting mission needs.

**Comment [ACHPStaff6]:** Consider including an additional strategic objective related to climate change, possibly in Section IV (see comment below). This is the only reference to climate change in the current plan.

**Comment [ACHPStaff7]:** Consider whether these are still the critical focus areas regarding federal program activity or whether they need to be expanded or otherwise redefined.

### III. PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Strategic Goal:** Foster broader appreciation for and knowledge of historic preservation, history, and the work of the ACHP among diverse audiences, and communicate the value and benefits of preserving historic resources

#### Four-Year Strategic Objectives

- A. Raise the level of understanding of the value of the nation’s historic preservation program and of a preservation ethic, particularly among youth.
- B. Increase awareness of and participation in ACHP programs and activities nationally and internationally.
- C. Advise executive and legislative branch officials and staff regarding the benefits of historic preservation and the federal historic preservation program.

**Comment [ACHPStaff8]:** Consider adding a bullet relating to recognition programs (such as the ACHP awards programs) with an emphasis on engaging more diverse audiences.

### IV. ADVANCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION POLICY AND PROGRAMS

**Strategic Goal:** Formulate and advance effective public policies and programs that support and encourage historic preservation activities carried out by the federal government, Indian tribes, states, local governments, NHOs, and private organizations and individuals.

#### Four-Year Strategic Objectives

- A. Advise and assist the executive branch and the Congress in formulating policies, budgets, and programs that support the goals of the NHPA.
- B. Collaborate on, develop, and advance policies and initiatives that promote the economic, environmental, educational, and social benefits of historic preservation and the national preservation program.
- C. Encourage and advance federal policies and programs that support the engagement of Indian tribes and NHOs in the national historic preservation program.
- D. Promote and encourage assistance and incentive programs for preservation at all levels of government.

**Comment [ACHPStaff9]:** Consider modifying this to read, “Encourage and advance federal policies and programs that support the involvement of Indian tribes, NHOs and other indigenous peoples in the national historic preservation program through the White House Council on Native American Affairs and other interagency initiatives.”

### V. ENABLE THE ACHP’S MISSION THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

**Strategic Goal:** Obtain and effectively manage the ACHP’s resources to ensure its mission is accomplished while meeting high standards of service.

#### Four-Year Strategic Objectives

- A. Develop and implement a financial and human capital strategy that: recognizes and responds to the ACHP’s mission, maximizes expertise and effectiveness among members and staff, and reflects the diversity of America in a discrimination-free workplace dedicated to equal opportunity.

**Comment [ACHPStaff10]:** Consider adding a bullet on promoting and supporting policies that address the impact of climate change on historic properties, in light of the upcoming work of the Climate Change and Historic Preservation Task Force.

- B. Maximize effective collaboration with current and new preservation partners and explore ways to more fully utilize the ACHP's authority to receive assistance to carry out its duties.
- C. Maximize internal operational performance through analysis of work processes, enhancements to information technology resources, changes to administrative procedures, implementation of effective records management, and the refinement of fiscal controls.
- D. Identify and provide enhanced services to all parties that interact with the ACHP, leading to measurable results.
- E. Engage members of stakeholder groups and the public to share their expertise with the ACHP through working groups, advisory groups, and other collaborations.
- F. Institute policies and internal processes to guide interaction and communication among the Chairman, members, and staff, particularly regarding controversial Section 106 cases, development of Section 106 program alternatives, preservation policy development, and congressional communications.



## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE** **Office of Preservation Initiatives**

The ACHP Task Force on Climate Change and Historic Preservation had its first meeting on November 19. The members agreed to focus future discussions on three key issues:

- Climate change is damaging historic properties, necessitating adaptation or acceptance of loss;
- Development of renewable energy projects may affect historic properties; and
- Historic building reuse and energy retrofitting contributes to energy efficiency.

Task force members discussed a number of topics that should be addressed as part of these three broader goals, and staff agreed to further refine and add bullet points under them in preparation for future meetings. They also discussed the importance of addressing Native American concerns in relation to each of these topics as a distinct and cross-cutting issue. It was noted that the ACHP Native American Affairs Committee has developed an action plan to address climate impacts to tribal and Native Hawaiian historic properties, which will be considered in tandem with this effort and during future discussions.

The task force was briefed on the ACHP's involvement in the America the Beautiful initiative and on the outcome of a survey by Office of Preservation Initiatives staff of climate change-related planning and guidance by State Historic Preservation Officers. (For more information on these topics, see the meeting book papers "America the Beautiful," in Tab 1 and "Climate Action Planning and Guidance by State Historic Preservation Officers," in Tab 5.) The next meeting of the Task Force will take place in January 2022.

**Action Needed.** This summary provides an update on the launch of the task force. No action is needed at this time.

*December 6, 2021*



**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL**  
**Office of Preservation Initiatives**  
**Office of Native American Affairs**

**Background.** [Executive Order 14008](#) “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad,” which was issued on January 27, sets the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of America’s lands and waters by 2030. This “30 by 30” objective has been promoted by many in the conservation community for a variety of reasons, including for its role in addressing climate change. Natural landscapes and seascapes absorb carbon, thus helping to stabilize the climate.

The federal effort to meet the 30 by 30 goal is led by the Department of the Interior, in consultation with the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). An initial report that was issued in May 2021, [Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful 2021](#), branded the initiative as “America the Beautiful.” The report sets forth key principles and recommendations for action, with a strong focus on locally led and voluntary collaborative nationwide efforts. These principles include a commitment “to seek to support and help advance the priorities of American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Indigenous leaders, including those related to sustainable land management and the conservation of natural, cultural, and historical resources.”

**ACHP Involvement.** In April, the [ACHP wrote to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland](#) to urge that the initiative consider the benefits of conserving lands and waters that contain not only important natural resources but also significant cultural resources. In July, the ACHP became a member of a new Interagency Working Group (IWG) that will be helping to guide implementation of America the Beautiful. Both the Preservation Initiatives (PI) Committee and the Native American Affairs (NAA) Committee have discussed the cultural resources potential of America the Beautiful, and NAA Committee Chairman Reno Franklin has been personally active as part of a group of tribal leaders working with the Administration on the initiative.

ACHP staff has invited representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Council on Environmental Quality to provide an overview at the business meeting of the Administration’s priorities and recent efforts in implementing the America the Beautiful initiative. This overview will provide further context for the members in forming their own advice to staff on the role of cultural resources in this initiative.

**ACHP Listening Sessions.** The America the Beautiful IWG has created two committees: the Measurement Committee and the Engagement and Collaborative Conservation Committee. Seeking how to most effectively be a voice for cultural resource conservation on the IWG, ACHP staff reached out to these committees to explore opportunities. This led to a suggestion from CEQ that the ACHP host a “national roundtable” to discuss cultural resources related to achieving the goals of America the Beautiful to restore and conserve lands and waters across the nation. Vice Chairman Jordan Tannenbaum approved proceeding with the idea.

Given the scope of the stakeholders involved and after discussion with Committee Chairman Franklin, the “national roundtable” has been expanded to four listening sessions—two for tribal and Native Hawaiian

leaders, and two for preservation advocates and the general public. The IWG will be issuing a progress report on America the Beautiful in mid-December, and CEQ encouraged the ACHP to move forward expeditiously so that the listening sessions could be acknowledged in that report. Therefore, the listening sessions have been scheduled for the week of December 6. Attendees will have an opportunity to provide their views on the extent to which cultural resources should be considered as part of America the Beautiful and how such consideration can be most effectively accomplished and measured. The ACHP will share the results of these listening sessions with the America the Beautiful IWG to further discussion and future action on addressing cultural resource conservation as part of the America the Beautiful initiative.

**Action Needed.** Members will be briefed verbally on the listening sessions at the ACHP business meeting. The members should be prepared to provide their own views on the inclusion of cultural resources in this initiative.

*December 6, 2021*



## PROPOSED ACHP ACTION ON PENDING LEGISLATION Office of Preservation Initiatives

**Introduction.** Several bills currently pending in Congress are appropriate for member review and possible action. Staff is recommending that the members consider motions regarding these bills.

***Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act.*** [This bill](#) (S. 2367/H.R. 4494) would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) located in Frederick, Maryland, to acquire up to 20 acres in Frederick County for the purpose of establishing a larger training facility. The [HPTC](#) assists NPS units and other federal agencies in restoration projects and trains preservation craftspeople through experiential learning while completing those projects. The HPTC also introduces youth and military veterans to preservation-related trades through its Traditional Trades Apprenticeship Program. Staff and interns from the HPTC have completed approximately 1,500 projects in more than 200 NPS units since 1980. The need for services has outgrown the current facility.

On November 9, the bill was among those discussed at a House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands legislative hearing. The [NPS testified](#) that the agency supports the bill, noting the importance of the essential work done by the HPTC and the desirability of moving its workshop portion of the facility out of currently leased space. On November 17, the House Natural Resources Committee reported the bill out of committee favorably. A hearing has not yet taken place in the Senate. There is no Statement of Administration Policy on the bill from the White House.

Moss Rudley, Superintendent of the HPTC, is a vice chairman of the ACHP's Traditional Trades Training Task Force. The task force's other vice chairman, Nicholas Redding, President and CEO of Preservation Maryland, testified in favor of the bill at the recent hearing. [His written testimony](#) references the [ACHP's Policy Statement on Promotion and Value of Traditional Trades Training](#) in describing the important impact of traditional trades training.

Staff suggests that the Preservation Initiatives Committee consider recommending the adoption of the following motion:

**Moved, that:** the ACHP supports the Frederick Jobs and Historic Preservation Training Center Land Acquisition Act (S. 2367/H.R. 4494); and directs the chairman to advise the Congress of this support.

***Yes In My Backyard Act.*** [This bill](#) (S. 1614/H.R. 3198) would require communities receiving Community Development Block Grants to report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on their progress toward implementing specified land use policies that would help to remove barriers to providing affordable housing. In 2019, earlier versions of the bill included the following among the list of such land use policies: "Reducing the number of buildings protected by historic preservation." (Senate version) and "Reducing the impact of historic preservation on housing production and affordability" (House version). Both were predicated on the idea that historic preservation is a barrier to affordable housing. After being contacted by the housing nonprofit Up For Growth, the ACHP worked with that group, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Trust

for Historic Preservation to develop proposed language that would turn this idea on its head. Ultimately, the revised language was accepted by the drafters of the bill. The bill's list of land use policies to remove barriers to affordable housing now includes, "Ensuring historic preservation requirements and other land use policies or requirements are coordinated to encourage creation of housing in historic buildings and historic districts."

The bill passed the House last year and has bipartisan support as well in this Congress. It was among those discussed at a June 24 meeting of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. The House has not yet had a hearing on the bill. It is not apparent whether HUD has taken a position on the bill, and there is no Statement of Administration Policy on the bill from the White House.

Given the importance of working to counter misperceptions of the role that historic preservation can play as a solution—not a problem—in addressing America's affordable housing crisis, staff suggests that the Preservation Initiatives Committee consider recommending the adoption of the following motion:

**Moved, that:** the ACHP supports the Yes In My Backyard Act (S. 1614/H.R. 3198); and directs the chairman to advise the Congress of this support.

***Saving Money and Accelerating Repairs Through (SMART) Leasing Act.*** [This bill](#) (S. 2793) would create a pilot program to allow federal agencies to lease underutilized, nonexcess real property and related personal property. The General Services Administration (GSA) would be required to certify that any lease will not have a negative impact on the mission of the federal agency and that the terms of the lease protect the interests of the country. The bill limits the number of leases to six per year through 2024, at which point GSA can advise Congress on whether the program should be extended or expanded. The bill was modeled on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's enhanced use leasing program.

The Office of Federal Agency Programs previously has been in touch with congressional staff working on the bill to alert them to the [ACHP leveraging historic federal buildings report](#) and issues regarding preservation, leasing, and Section 111 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Unfortunately, as introduced, the bill does not mention historic properties or the leasing provisions of Section 111. The bill does indicate that the leasing authority under the pilot program is in addition to any other federal leasing authority, which presumably would include Section 111.

The bill was drafted and introduced by a bipartisan group of Senators on the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, including its Chairman Gary Peters (D-MI). The bill was reported out of that committee favorably on November 3. It is not apparent whether GSA has taken a position on the bill, and there is no Statement of Administration Policy on the bill from the White House.

Even if the bill would not ultimately conflict with the historic property leasing provisions of Section 111, it potentially could be a vehicle for specific encouragement of leasing and reuse of federal historic properties. Staff suggests that the Preservation Initiatives Committee consider recommending the adoption of the following motion:

**Moved, that:** the ACHP directs the chairman to advise Congress regarding the benefits of adding provisions to the Saving Money and Accelerating Repairs Through (SMART) Leasing Act (S. 2793) to address historic properties; and to offer the ACHP's assistance in exploring this recommendation.

***Action Needed.*** Staff suggests that the Preservation Initiatives Committee consider recommending to the full membership the adoption of the three motions previously noted.

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