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HOUSTON HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES DRAFT TO BE PRESENTED JUNE 20

HOUSTON, TX — The City of Houston Planning & Development Department will present the draft design guidelines for the three Houston Heights Historic Districts on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Heights Fire Station, 107 West 12th Street, Houston, Texas. The design guidelines consultants from Winter & Company, along with project manager Steph McDougal, will present the draft design guidelines for Houston Heights East, Houston Heights West, and Houston Heights South Historic Districts.

Draft design guidelines for the other Phase I historic districts (Norhill, Woodland Heights, and Freeland Historic Districts) will be published later this year. The Old Sixth Ward Protected Historic District design guidelines will also be updated in Fall 2017.

Copies of the draft design guidelines for Houston Heights Historic Districts will be available for review on Monday, June 12. The draft will be online at <http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/HistoricPres/Design-Guidelines-Heights.html> and at the Heights Library reference desk for a total of three weeks, as previously planned. Property owners are encouraged to review the draft design guidelines before the meeting. A video of the meeting will be posted on the project webpage a few days after the meeting, for those who are unable to attend. Property owners and design professionals may submit their comments or questions through Friday, June 30, to project manager Steph McDougal at steph.mcdougal@houstontx.gov or Steph McDougal, Planning & Development Department, P.O. Box 1562, Houston TX 77251-1562.

The June 20 workshop will be the 23rd meeting with the community for this project. The City has been working closely with property owners, design professionals, and neighborhood associations since it began the review and revision of the historic preservation ordinance in 2014. The ordinance review process, which was completed in 2015, and the design guidelines project have both included extensive and highly collaborative community engagement and participation. The design guidelines are being developed in response to requests received directly from property owners and design professionals, and the content of the draft design guidelines reflects the thousands of comments, questions, and suggestions that citizens have provided during this project.

More information can be found on the project website at
<http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/HistoricPres/Design-Guidelines-Heights.html>.