

A photograph of a historic brick building, identified as the Town Hall, with a prominent cupola on its roof. The building is set against a clear blue sky with some trees in the foreground. A large green semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

# Update on Future Use of Historic Town Hall

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# Background

- June 27, 2016 - Petition regarding combining the Visitor's Center and Chapel Hill Museum at the Historic Town Hall.
- October 26, 2016 – Committee established to consider the possible future use as a visitors and history center.
- June 26, 2017 - Council accepted Committee's report and dissolved the Committee.
- October 11, 2017, Council affirmed Historic Town Hall's future use as a community history/culture center.

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# Initial Vision

- Focus on history as a way to understand the past, consider the present, and design the future
- Focus more on connections, less on collections
- Create a place where people can actively engage with history and interact with each other
- Create a flexible, modern space that can accommodate digital content, travelling exhibits, community conversations, public programs, and private events.

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# Current Projects

- Reviewing best practices, innovative approaches, professional trends in community history
- Building relationships and partnerships for future collaboration
- Applying for planning grants to engage community, build shared vision, create initial plans
- Creating programs and projects that are responsive to growing interest around community history and build buy-in for the initial vision of the future history center

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# Next Steps

- Receive and/or continue applying for grants
- Continue building relationships with local partners
- Continue engaging the community about the project
- Continue developing programs and projects about community history

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Questions?

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