11-20-2019 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions #2

ITEM #12: Consider Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendments - Proposed Changes to Sections 3.6.2 and 8.4 Related to Historic District Commission Procedures

Council Question:

Given the concerns we have heard about linking the LUMO and design guidelines re. the HDC, why was this text amendment added to the proposed changes?

Staff Response:

This amendment was added based on feedback from the Town Council members at the October 30, 2019 Public Hearing. The amendment is also supported by the Historic District Commission as well as the State Historic Preservation Office. Additionally, the Commission is using and will continue to use the existing Design Guidelines to inform their decisions and staff does not foresee any difficulties with codifying this practice while the Design Guidelines are currently being rewritten, and anticipate possible future text amendments to refine the language upon completion of this process.