DRAFT - Historic District Commission Goals & Priorities for 2020-2025

Goal/Priority	Measureable Outcome	Timing	Cost
Continue to review North Carolina model historic preservation ordinance against current LUMO provisions. Revise as necessary.	Improve language to safeguard Chapel Hill's historic resources. Consider creating a landmark designation program. Greater consistency between Historic Districts across the state. Reduce number of reversals by BOA due to improved staff reports, better decision-making, etc. (Supports need for FT staff)	Ongoing	Staff Time (+100 hours of review. Additional hours needed for individual text amendments.)
Advocate for a full-time staff liaison.	Additional preservation programming and review. Number of changes being made to LUMO, Design Guidelines, and orders from COAs.	2020	Additional staff position in the Planning Department.
UNC History Department-led digitization of historic records.	Availability of resources online and reachable by applicants Make current hard copies and files available online to the public Shared resources with community organizations such as Preservation Society, Historical Society, etc.	Fall 2020 completion date	Staff Time (Coordination and sharing files)

Joint trainings with other land use boards and commissions	Familiarization with the work of other boards, understanding of joint missions, etc.	2020- ongoing	Staff time (100 hours to coordinate speakers and invitations)
Improve public outreach inside of the Historic District and the Chapel Hill community at large about the importance of HDC's work	Increase number of events and educational programming, such as the book review in December 2018 Improve community engagement and support for historic preservation Opportunity to connect with Historic District residents	2020-ongoing	HDC members time to develop educational programming and advocacy work
Improve process for applicants so there is a better understanding of what is acceptable/ unacceptable	Improve clarity of Design Guidelines and regulations. Improve transparency of the process. Provide information to applicants early on to prevent confusion. Webpage regularly updated with results of recent applications and rulings. Improve information sharing with the public and community. Reduce frustrations with the community by making process more transparent.	2020 and ongoing	Staff Time (+200 hours and ongoing time dedicated to updating webpages)