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0470 – CANNON HILL PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE (SMC

Agenda Wording

The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission reviews districts for listing on the Spokane Register to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in SMC 17D.100. The Cannon Hill Park HD meets criteria for listing and a nomination, Design Standards & Guidelines, Overlay Zone Ordinance (SMC 17D.100.285) and map were approved by the SHLC.

Summary (Background)

The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission reviews properties and districts for listing on the Spokane Register of Historic Places to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in SMC 17D.100. To create historic districts in Spokane, an overlay zone ordinance must be created and the district added to the City's official zoning map. The Cannon Hill Park Historic District has been recommended for listing by the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission. The Commission reviewed the nomination, resource forms, design standards & guidelines, ordinance and map at the August 20, 2025 Landmarks Commission hearing. Owners have returned 80% of mailed ballots (154 of 193 ballots) and 135 YES votes were received (70% in favor). 17 NO votes were received (9%), 2 NEUTRAL votes and 30 unreturned ballots were also counted as NO votes (30% total). District formation requires an owner consent vote of 50% + 1 to move forward to City Council for designation of the district on the official zoning map. The Historic Preservation code resides in Chapter 17 - Unified Development Code of the Spokane Municipal Code and therefore must have an additional recommendation by the Plan Commission. The Historic Preservation Office has held a workshop with Plan Commission (7/23/25) and has a subsequent public hearing (9/24/25) for their official recommendation to City Council. After that recommendation, the proposed overlay zone ordinance (SMC 17D.100.285) will be brought back to City Council for a hearing.

FIRST READING OF THE ABOVE
ORDINANCE HELD ON

11/10/2025

AND FURTHER ACTION WAS DEFERRED

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What impacts would the proposal have on historically excluded communities?

This contract would have no meaningful impact on historically excluded communities.

How will data be collected, analyzed, and reported concerning the effect of the program/policy by racial, ethnic, gender identity, national origin, income level, disability, sexual orientation, or other existing disparities?

That specific data is not something that is collected by the Historic Preservation Department.

How will data be collected regarding the effectiveness of this program, policy, or product to ensure it is the right solution?

The Historic Preservation Office's primary responsibility is to protect historic properties and neighborhoods in Spokane. The more properties that are listed on the Spokane Register, the more ability we have to offer incentives that help keep those properties viable and in use. As we list additional properties, we increase our ability to protect Spokane's historic resources.

Describe how this proposal aligns with current City Policies, including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Action Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Neighborhood Master Plans, Council Resolutions, and others?

SMC 04.35.010 Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission Findings and Purpose: The City and Spokane County find that the establishment of a landmarks commission with specific duties to recognize, protect, enhance and preserve those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures which serve as visible reminders of the historical, archaeological, architectural, educational and cultural heritage of the City and County is a public necessity. Comprehensive Plan Goals Chapter 3: Land Use • LU 2.2 Performance Standards. • LU 5.5 Compatible Development • LU 7.3 Historic Reuse Chapter 6: Housing • H 2.3 Housing Preservation Chapter 8: Urban Design and Historic Preservation • DP 1.1 Landmark Structures, Buildings, and Sites • DP 1.2 New

Council Subcommittee Review

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>			
Approved in Current Year Budget? N/A			
Total Cost		\$	
Current Year Cost		\$	
Subsequent Year(s) Cost		\$	
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Is this funding source sustainable for future years, months, etc?			
<u>Expense Occurrence</u>		N/A	
Other budget impacts (revenue generating, match requirements, etc.)			
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ORDINANCE NO. C36775

An ordinance relating to the adoption of the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Overlay Zone and Design Standards and Guidelines; adopting new SMC sections 17D.100.285.

WHEREAS, the City and Spokane County find that the establishment of a Landmarks Commission with specific duties to recognize, protect, enhance and preserve those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures which serve as visible reminders of the historical, archaeological, architectural, educational and cultural heritage of the City and County is a public necessity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan requires that the city utilize zoning provisions, building regulations, and design standards that are appropriate for historic districts, sites, and structures; and

WHEREAS, property owners within the proposed district contacted the Spokane Historic Preservation Office requesting that a local historic district be formed in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Hill Park Historic District Committee formed to lead the process of district formation. They fundraised and pooled their skills and resources to create the documents required to form the Cannon Hill Park Historic District including the nomination document detailing the history and characteristics of the district, resource forms including specific information and photographs of every property within the district, and design standards and guidelines specific to the district; and

WHEREAS, the Cannon Hill Park Historic District Committee strategized their own outreach efforts, determined when the ballots should be sent to property owners, planned door-knocking campaigns, hosted neighborhood workshops, presented at a neighborhood council meeting, stayed in close contact with the Historic Preservation Office about the status of returned ballots, and led to the ultimate success of the property owner vote; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane City / County Historic Preservation Office attended and participated in two workshops and direct feedback from property owners; and

WHEREAS, after conducting extensive historic research and engaging the community for input and feedback, a Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Nomination form, Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Inventory Resource Forms, and Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines have been developed for adoption of the district to the Spokane Register of Historic Places and for the formation of the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Overlay Zone; and

WHEREAS, formation of a historic district provides numerous property owners with the financial benefit associated with historic preservation tax incentives when they invest substantially in their property as well as access to a Façade Improvement Grant available through the Historic Preservation Office without the requirement of having to individually list their home or building; and

WHEREAS, ballots were sent to owners of property in the proposed district in May 2025. 135 of the owners of developable parcels within the district boundaries have voted in favor of forming the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Overlay Zone (135 "YES" votes out of 193 possible votes which exceeds the 50% +1 required by SMC17D.100.100B);

AND THEREFORE, The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That there is adopted a new section 17D.100.285 to Chapter 17D.100 SMC to read as follows:

17D.100.285 Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Overlay Zone

A. Purpose.

This special overlay zone establishes a local historic district in Manito/Cannon Hill under section 17D.100.020. This overlay zone sets forth standards and guidelines that will maintain the historic character of the district through a landmark's commission design review process.

B. Designation of Districts.

Along with individual properties, contiguous groups of properties can be designated as local historic districts on the Spokane Register of Historic Places.

1. The process for designation of local historic districts is detailed in Chapter 17D.100.
2. Local historic districts are displayed as an overlay zone on the official zoning map and its title and purpose are adopted as an ordinance under Title 17C. See the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Overlay Zone Map 17D.100.285-M1.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness Review.

The certificate of appropriateness review process for the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District helps ensure any alterations to a building do not adversely affect that building's historic character and appearance, or that of the historic district. The process is conducted by the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission as detailed in "Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines."

1. The District Design Standards and Guidelines assist property owners through the design review process by providing the following:
 - a. District-wide design standards and guidelines,
 - b. Specific design standards and guidelines for single-family contributing structures,
 - c. Specific design standards and guidelines for multi-family contributing structures,
 - d. Specific design standards and guidelines for non-contributing structures,
 - e. Design standards and guidelines for new construction, and
 - f. Demolition review criteria for properties within the district.
2. The Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines require property owners to apply for and receive a Certificate of Appropriateness for proposed exterior changes to properties within the district as outlined in the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines and under sections 17D.100.200-220.

D. The Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines are intended to provide guidance for decision making by both the property owner when undertaking work within the Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District and the historic preservation officer and commission when issuing certificates of appropriateness in the district. The Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines are not development regulations but are instead used to assist the historic preservation officer and commission to make decisions in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards Rehabilitation. Final decisions of the HPO or the commission are based on the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation (Department of Interior regulations, 36 CFR 67). The following Standards for Rehabilitation are the criteria used to determine if a rehabilitation project qualifies for a certificate of appropriateness. The intent of the Standards is to assist the long-term preservation of a property's significance through the preservation of historic materials and features. The following Standards are to be applied to specific rehabilitation projects in a reasonable manner, taking into consideration economic and technical feasibility.

1. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
3. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

- B. The Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District Design Standards and Guidelines, which are incorporated by reference and included as Appendix A are adopted.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON November 17, 2025.

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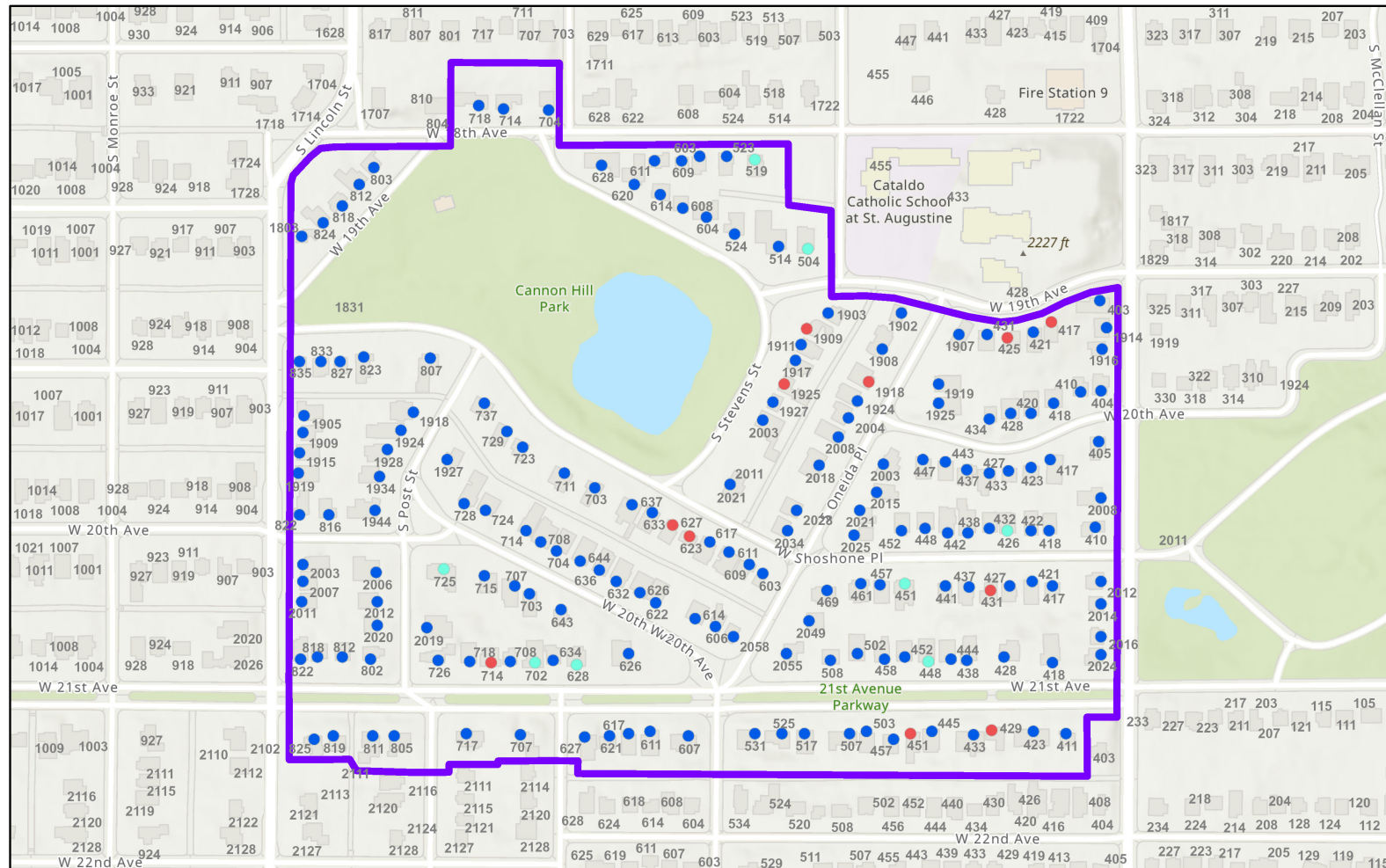
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Map SMC 17D.100.285-M1

Proposed Cannon Hill Park Local Historic District



Map Legend

● Previously Listed on Spokane Register of Historic Places

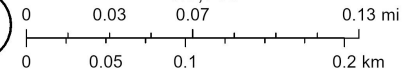
● Contributing Property to Cannon Hill Park

● Non-Contributing Property to Cannon Hill Park

— Proposed District Boundary



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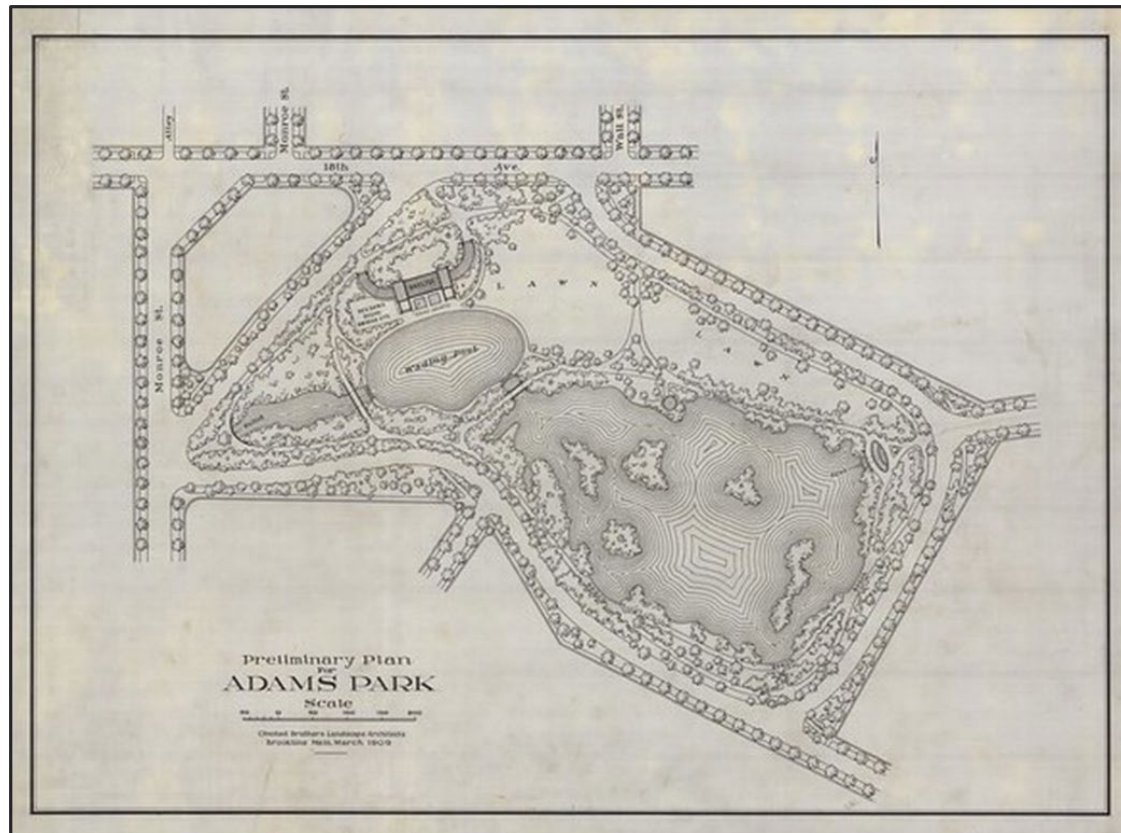
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Cannon Hill Park Historic District

Design Standards & Guidelines

Summary

The Spokane Historic Preservation Office and Historic Landmarks Commission will use the decision-making frameworks used throughout the United States and locally to assess proposed changes to the exteriors of properties in this historic district. These Design Standards & Guidelines expand on the philosophy stated in the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and interpret those standards as commonly used for properties listed in the Spokane Historic Register. In many ways, these guidelines recognize and further the type of property stewardship that has long existed in the district.

These guidelines have four important sections:

Explaining Design Review. Chapters 1-3 present the goals, benefits and process involved with design review. They introduce the Certificate of Appropriateness which documents the approval of proposed work on the exterior of buildings.

Guidelines for exterior changes. Listing in the Spokane Historic Register involves a commitment to maintain the historic character of the contributing buildings in the district. This involves a review and approval process for proposed changes to the residences in the district, particularly the street-facing exteriors. The guidelines allow for considerable latitude in making changes on the rear of properties, including the construction of accessory dwelling units.

Criteria for Demolition. A very high percentage of the properties in this district – 94% -- are considered contributing to its historic significance. The Spokane City ordinance allows for the review and avoidance of the demolition of contributing properties and provides specific criteria to consider.

Guidelines for New Construction. These guidelines guide the proponents of new buildings as to how they must be designed to fit into – or be compatible with – the historic streetscapes of the district. The evaluation system that will be used incentivizes the compatibility of the scale of new construction overall, the existing scale of houses to lot sizes, and maintaining the setback and distances between houses.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

This document constitutes the Design Standards & Guidelines for the Cannon Hill Park Historic District. It is based on the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation which is the approach used to review any work done on the exterior of the property within a Spokane Historic District.

Purposes of the Spokane Historic Preservation Program

The City of Spokane (City) recognizes that the maintenance and preservation of historic landmarks and historic districts benefits all people in Spokane by preserving our City's history and unique culture. The City recognizes, protects, enhances and preserves those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures which serve as visible reminders of the historical, archaeological, architectural, educational and cultural heritage of the City and County as a public necessity.

The intent of these efforts is to keep historic buildings in use and the historic character intact through listing on the Spokane Register of Historic Places; incentivize rehabilitation; and review changes to historic properties, as well as demolition and new construction.

Spokane Register of Historic Places

The Spokane Register of Historic Places is our official list of properties that have been designated as significant contributors to the historical development of Spokane. The Register was established by ordinance in both the City and County of Spokane in 1981 and 1982, respectively. These ordinances make the City/County Historic Landmarks Commission (SHLC) responsible for the stewardship of historically and architecturally significant properties.

Eligibility for the Spokane Register is determined by at least one of the following categories:

- A. Category A: Those structures that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our local history; or
- B. Category B: That are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- C. Category C: That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Category D: That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history; or
- E. Category E: That represent the culture and heritage of the City of Spokane in ways not adequately addressed in the other criteria, as in its visual prominence or for cultural practices.

An additional eligibility requirement is that the property is 50 years of age or older or have "exceptionally significant" qualities despite their age.

Nominations to the Spokane Register must be accompanied by owner consent. All property types listed in the Spokane Register are subject to design review.

Spokane Register Historic Districts

Historic Districts are one of the property types that can be listed on the Spokane Register. Historic districts are generally areas of the city that residents clearly see represent a time and place of the past due to a concentration of buildings of the same type or from the same time period. Most districts have similar buildings forming consistent streetscapes and commercial buildings or houses built during a time period recognized as a "period of significance." This time period can vary in length from a few years to decades. The nomination document for the Cannon Hill Park Historic District explains its history and period of significance. Construction and major exterior changes within Historic Districts are reviewed by the Spokane Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and sometimes the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission (SHLC).

The Cannon Hill Park Historic District

The Cannon Hill Park Historic District (CHPHD) is recognized under Category A, as representative of Spokane's history of city planning and development of a designed residential landscape. This designation emphasizes the platted addition as a designed landscape intended to provide a park-like residential setting surrounding Cannon Hill Park and connecting to Manito Park and the W. 21st Avenue boulevard. The character of the entire neighborhood – established by both the buildings and the landscape – is the historic component the designation protects. The properties in Spokane Register Historic Districts are categorized as either “contributing” or “non-contributing” to the significance established in the nomination document.

Since the experience of landscape rather than architectural significance is the historic character the designation of the CHPHD protects, this district uses a streamlined evaluation of these categories. 180 of the 184 buildings erected during the period of significance, 1909-1958, are contributing. Four buildings constructed prior to 1958 are non-contributing because they were extensively remodeled. There are a total of 11 non-contributing residences in the district. Indeed, these Design Standards & Guidelines propose to continue the rehabilitation and adaptation of residential properties that has occurred to date.

The most important historic character element of this district is the landscape established by the efforts of Arthur D. Jones & Co. Some of this landscape will remain unchanged: the grading around Cannon Hill Park and the street pattern that differs from the standard grid. Other aspects of it – the historic mature tree shade canopy and the consistent presence of tree-lawn trees that shade sidewalks and streets – is more ephemeral. As in all landscapes, vegetation grows, ages, and eventually reaches the end of its life. Nevertheless, the ideal established for the residential neighborhood can continue to inspire renewal of the vegetation in the cultural landscape. The houses in the landscape and the established patterns of their siting on lots and streetscapes, contribute importantly to this landscape.

Two components of the landscape exist in the public right-of-way and are owned by the city: the city park and planted center portion of the 21st Avenue boulevard. They do not come under the jurisdiction of historic district design review.

Cannon Hill Park Historic Character Summary

The CHPHD is a carefully designed and developer-shaped residential landscape with a park-like setting established in 1909-1910. Platted for residential use only, amid a glut of new plats citywide, this neighborhood went on the market near the end of the heyday of growth, and the district developed slowly over several decades.

Varied residential building types and styles contribute to the vision promoted for the CHPHD with houses of various sizes. The prolonged development of houses results in a continuum of residential designs, scaled to their lots with none dominating a portion of the streetscape. Early and mid-20th century housing dominates the streetscapes. The result of this long period of building out of the district is a balance of continuity and continuum as the landscape elements matured and houses appeared in the landscape.

Key historic characteristics of the district include:

- Dominance of the park-like setting established in 1909-1910 that includes the canopy of street trees providing extensive shade; and blocks and streets that diverge from a regular grid;
- Dwellings set back uniformly within residential landscaping with a variety of vegetation;
- Residential buildings scaled to lot size and similar in the extent of stylistic expression dating from 1909 to 1958;
- The design of each house representing its time of construction; and
- The addition of residential amenities over time, including swimming pools, landscape hardscape, playground features, and gardens.

The CHPHD nomination document includes additional information about the historic landscape character.

Stewarding the Residential Landscape

The continued stewardship of the CHPHD includes several components: avoiding demolition, maintaining the historic character of contributing houses through implementing rehabilitation guidelines and compatible new construction, should that occur.

Demolition Review

The presence of historic, contributing buildings is as important when a district is recognized for its historic significance under Category A as when Category C, architectural significance, is the reason for designation.

The HPO uses a set of demolition review criteria when a property owner proposes building demolition. The review criteria are explained in Chapter 14.

Contributing Residences

Individual residential properties comprise the streetscapes that are the building blocks of the landscape. Recognition of a historic district includes a commitment to retaining historic elements of contributing properties. These standards guide homeowners in maintaining that condition. Changes to residential properties are accommodated when they are located on the least publicly visible portion of properties and when they do not dominate the property or streetscapes. While residential landscaping contributes significantly to the park-like setting of the district, vegetation is not included in design review.

Non-Contributing Residences

Proposed changes to non-contributing buildings are acceptable if they do not introduce elements that are visually intrusive. Non-contributing properties are still subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness, however, these changes are most likely to be

reviewed by Historic Preservation staff rather than the full Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission.

New Construction

The existing dwellings in the CHPHD establish the pattern of a continuum of residential design and the use of materials traditionally associated with residential construction. New construction should maintain the street-orientation of contributing properties and continue the pattern of front and side lawns and vegetation. Certain types of urban residences, such as structures built along the front sidewalk, have no precedents in the district and would not be compatible with the established streetscapes.

CHAPTER 2: USING THESE STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

The overall goal of these CHPHD Historic District Standards and Design Standards & Guidelines is to maintain the historic character of the designed landscape. The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) administers these standards and guidelines as part of the approval process for issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for exterior projects.

In particular, the guidelines should be used to:

- Continue maintenance of existing district homes and avoiding demolition.
- Make design decisions that reinforce rather than diminish the vibrant and varied character of the neighborhood.
- Plan work that meets the spirit of rehabilitation and maintains historic materials and design elements.
- Plan maintenance and repair work that prolongs the life of historic elements.
- Plan improvements so that they remain contributing to and compatible within the district and meet current needs.
- Plan the design of new residences so they are compatible with the historic streetscapes.

This document uses terms and statements that indicate which projects are likely or not likely to be approved.

- Recognize: conveys approaches to understanding and keeping historic character.
- Plan, Locate, Position, Design: use this guidance for work that is likely to be approved.
- Keep, Retain, Maintain: do not remove historic character features and materials.
- Repair, Replicate, Replace: if necessary, take such action.
- Avoid: unlikely to be approved.

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)

Under the provisions of the Spokane Municipal Code 17D.100, the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission (SHLC), through the HPO, is directed to issue Certificates of Appropriateness (COA). The HPO, and possibly the SHLC, completes a “design review” for a COA in utilizing this Design Standards & Guideline document. A chart showing common types of proposed work and the requirement for a COA is included in Appendix 2.

Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs) are required for:

- Any work that affects the exterior of a contributing property
- Street-facing exterior of a non-contributing property
- New construction and additions
- Demolition

The Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) documents both the application for and the approval of proposed work on a property. A COA states that the nature of the work is appropriate; it complies with historic district standards and guidelines.

- A COA must be received before a City building permit can be issued.
- A COA must be issued before work is started.
- A COA must cover all proposed work.
- A COA approves specific materials and work, which will be specified on the document and through associated plans and documents.

Some work that affects the historic character does not require a City building permit but may need a COA.

This type of work includes:

- Installing a front door
- Installing new porch railings
- Replacing historic features with replicas in composite materials

Tips for Receiving a COA

1. Review the Cannon Hill Park Historic District Standards and Guidelines applicable to your project.
2. Understand the intent to maintain historic character and to avoid visible exterior remodeling.
3. Plan a project with reference to the standards and guidelines.
4. Consult with the HPO to clarify questions and be prepared to supply material samples if requested.
5. Start work only after receipt of a COA and/or building permit.
6. Post the COA with other permits.
7. If the project must be modified, consult with the HPO to see if a revised COA is needed.

When is a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Needed?

Note: This is not an exhaustive list. Please see the appropriate sections of this document for more detail. See Appendix 2 for the COA Requirements.

When in doubt, contact the Historic Preservation Office to confirm if Design Review and a COA is necessary.

- Changes affecting visible and semi-visible exterior of contributing homes (see below regarding “Visibility”)
- Changes affecting façade of non-contributing homes
- Paint non-painted exterior materials (such as brick or stone)
- Replace front door
- Replace windows
- Replace roof
- Install solar panels
- Replace siding
- Install fence in front yard or highly visible areas
- Construct addition
- Construct or replace porch
- Remove any features, including historic landscape features (e.g. stone retaining walls)

No Certificate of Appropriateness Needed

- Interior work
- Work considered to be maintenance
- Install vegetation
- Re-paint already painted exterior materials
- Install new sidewalk
- Install sculpture, fountain, small artistic elements to the yard
- Install porch lighting and fans
- Install exterior lighting fixtures
- Changes affecting minimally visible exteriors of contributing homes considered to be private (see Figure 1: Levels of Visibility)
- Changes to or construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) or garages if not street facing and not attached to the residence

Maintenance

Property owners are encouraged to maintain buildings in good condition and can do such work without applying for a COA, even if the work may require a City building permit.

- Tuck-pointing masonry
- Repair or replacement of gutters or downspouts
- Painting wood or metal elements and previously painted masonry
- Repair, but not total replacement, of existing retaining walls, fences, steps, stoops, porches, decks or awnings
- Repair or replacement of a flat roof that cannot be seen from the street.

The following work is NOT considered to be maintenance and would require a COA:

- Installing new materials to conceal damage, such as using coil stock to cover deteriorated trim elements
- Extending or constructing new exterior elements.

Enforcement and Violations

The Historic Preservation Office will issue a Stop Work Order when it becomes aware of (major) work being undertaken without a Certificate of Appropriateness. At that time, the property owner must submit an application for a COA. The HPO will issue a Violation Notice when it becomes aware of (major) work completed without a COA – even if the work meets these Design Standards & Guidelines. At that time, the property owner must submit an application for a COA.

CHAPTER 3: I WANT TO UNDERSTAND MORE

Design Review as a City Function

In reviewing proposed work for COAs, the SHLC is mandated to use prescribed standards based upon the Secretary of Interior's Standards (SMC 17D.100.210.D-6). For CHPHD reviews, SHLC will use as its "Standards" as the framework established in this Design Standards & Guidelines document. In the event of new construction the SHLC will use the New Construction Guidelines in this document..

The guidelines that follow will provide additional guidance for property owner decision making, as well as for HPO and SHLC when issuing COAs.

How These Guidelines Will be Used

These guidelines have been adopted as part of a City Ordinance establishing the Cannon Hill Park Historic District. The SHLC has long used the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation for reviewing projects and issuing COAs. The guidelines in this document are intended to help expand and further articulate how the SHLC will use the standards when reviewing properties for COAs in the CHPHD.

The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) will apply the guidelines to COA applications for the 180 contributing residences in the district. and, as noted, portions of them apply to the 11 non-contributing properties.

The HPO will apply the framework of these Design Standards & Guidelines to review work that occurs on the street facing façade of the non-contributing building.

The SHLC and HPO staff are directed, under Section 17D.100 of the Municipal Code, to review the proposed demolition of properties within the boundaries of Spokane Register Historic Districts. The code provides criteria for consideration and this document provides additional factors to be considered in demolition review within the Cannon Hill Park Historic District.

The SHLC reviews all new construction in Spokane Register Historic Districts based on the standards presented in these guidelines. While there are few opportunities for new construction, each project is expected to be highly compatible, based on these guidelines, and thus blend into the residential landscape.

The SHLC recommends each district's design standards and guidelines to the City Council for adoption and then interprets and applies them in a fair and consistent manner. The SHLC is committed to use them with flexibility and to make defensible judgments when reviewing applications in order to arrive at solutions that are appropriate for each individual instance. The SHLC has the opportunity and responsibility to consider exceptions to the standards. The SHLC holds the position that an approval of a proposal is property- specific and that it is not establishing precedent when it approves an alternative solution for meeting the intent of rehabilitation.

When work is reviewed

The property owner, and/or agent, is the only person who may propose work on buildings in the historic district. Historic District designation is not a basis for the City of Spokane Historic Preservation Office, Building Inspector, or neighborhood residents to ask or demand that an owner undertake work on a historic property.

Key Terms and Definitions

Historic Character

This term is used to refer to the district as an entity, as well as each property within it, as it contributes to the historic character of the CHPHD Historic District. This character is established by numerous small elements that convey authenticity, use of materials, building designs and adaptation to changing residential patterns. Together they establish a sense of place – a place different from other neighborhoods in Spokane and other cities.

Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation is a broad type of work that maintains and prepares a building for future use while maintaining its historic character. Work often incorporates updating interior components, correction of deferred maintenance, and making small changes that increase the functionality and amenities of the property. Rehabilitation is a flexible and functional approach to work on contributing properties and provides the framework for these guidelines.

Visibility

Visibility is considered carefully in historic districts in terms of maintaining visual historic character.

Highly Visible: Elements that are visible and easily seen from the sidewalk are highly visible. Highly visible elements establish character and distinguish one building from another. They are on street-facing façades and the front portion of side facades when there is a generous side yard.

Minimally Visible: Elements that are technically visible – but seen from oblique angles or at a distance from the sidewalk – are minimally visible and do not affect the historic character of a property or the district. Often one cannot determine the material or details of minimally visible elements. For these reasons, replacement materials and minor changes are appropriate when

minimally visible. Minimally visible locations overlap with the private portion of a residential property.

Private: Areas behind the house and to the rear of the sides that are difficult or impossible to see from the street. For corner properties, there is usually one obvious “rear” side of the building. Even though it is visible from the street, this portion of the building and its yard is considered to be a private portion of the property. Home owners are free to make changes within private areas without using the historic district Design Standards & Guidelines.

Visually Intrusive: Some elements are visually intrusive because they call undue attention to themselves, seem obviously added to a property, change the emphasis of the visible character, or dominate views of buildings and streetscapes. One of the goals of these guidelines is to avoid the addition of visually intrusive elements in the district.

The following figure provides a visual example of the two levels of visibility to be used when planning stewardship projects.



Figure 1: Levels of Visibility

KEY: Highly Visible Minimally Visible Private

Using the Special Valuation Program

The Special Valuation Program is an important benefit of rehabilitating a contributing property in the Cannon Hill Park Historic District. The program provides a means to reduce property taxes for 10 years after rehabilitation work has been completed.

Carefully review the information at <http://www.historicspokane.org/incentives> and contact the Spokane Historic Preservation Office if you are interested in using this program.

Program Basics

- Approved rehabilitation costs of a contributing property in the district are deducted from the property's assessed value, reducing its property taxes for ten years. This tax reduction begins two years after approval of a Special Valuation application.
- Rehabilitation costs must total 25% or more of the assessed value of the structure (not the land) prior to rehabilitation.
- Work must be completed within the 24-month period prior to application to the County Assessor's Office. For instance, if an application were submitted in March of 2025, the two year period would be from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025.

Other Benefits for Contributing Properties

- Façade Improvement Grants: The HPO administers a grant program to provide up to \$5000 in matching funds for the improvement of the street-facing façades of contributing properties in historic districts.
- Non-Conforming Uses: The owner of a contributing property may request a permit from the Hearing Examiner for a non-conforming use.
- Building Code Relief: Local building code enforcement officers may grant relief from the City building code

requirements that affect historic features of a building such as railing heights on a historic porch.

Historic Building Rehabilitation

The following [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#) are the widely accepted philosophy for the rehabilitation of buildings. Understanding the Standards, and associated guidance from the National Park Service, is especially critical for homeowners planning to use the Special Valuation Program.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

1. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships.
2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.
4. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained and preserved.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.
8. Archaeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.
9. New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

CHAPTER 4: CONTRIBUTING - EXTERIORS

Goals

- Retain historic materials, when present, particularly those in highly visible locations.
- Repair and replace only damaged or deteriorated elements, as their condition is often varied due to location and exposure.
- Keep protective coatings – paint and stain – intact and use caulking to keep water out.
- Avoid applying “technical fixes” or waterproofing coatings and masonry paint due to problems they can introduce instead repair and maintain using traditional techniques.
- Avoid remodeling a building by replacing exterior wall materials with other kinds of materials and/or using incompatible finishes.
- Replace materials if historic material cannot be retained and repaired. Use a material that appears to be historic. This means a paintable siding (vinyl siding is not paintable) for wood siding and finished materials in general.

Historic Character Features

- Above-grade foundation materials – basalt, granite or concrete – that convey times of construction and styles of buildings.
- Exterior wall materials that convey architectural style.
- Stone and brick masonry.
- Exterior portions of chimneys, both form and material.

Walls

- Maintain historic character through exposed, well maintained materials in highly-visible locations.
- Avoid coating of foundation materials rather than repairing and maintaining them.
- Repair and replace only damaged areas of exterior siding materials.

- Retain historic character of exterior elements, including chimneys.
- Use appropriate replacement materials
- Avoid obviously imitative and substitutes used after the building was constructed.
- Avoid installation of intrusive elements.

Foundations

- Maintain mortar to protect stone foundations.
- Repoint foundations as needed with mortar appropriate for that location and replicating the style, texture and color of the historic mortar.
- Maintain concrete foundations in their original condition and unpainted.
- Address problems before applying a parging coat, if necessary, to a concrete foundation, and maintain the natural concrete color and texture to replicate its original character.
- Avoid applying parging coats or swaths of mortar over masonry rather than repairing brick and stone.
- Avoid introducing non-traditional stone and brick colors to foundations through parging and painting.
- Maintain historic materials unconcealed and repaired on the façade of the building.
- Replace materials in poor condition or already replaced on side and rear elevations.

Raised foundation/basement features

- Maintain window openings and sash in raised basements.
- Avoid use of glass block in basement windows on public, highly-visible facades.
- Add egress windows at minimally visible locations.
- Design basement access stairs to be unobtrusive.
- Avoid regrading to create a walk-out basement in a visible location.
- Maintain window openings; install grilles or block from the interior.

- Address safety and egress issues with windows, doors and stairs where needed with minimum visibility.

Exterior Wall Materials

Non-Masonry

- Maintain exterior wall materials including trim elements: corner boards, fascia boards, trim pieces.
- Repair damaged sections in-kind by replicating the dimensions, material and finish of the historic element.
- Consider in-kind replacement materials, if necessary.
- Replicate the dimensions, design and finish of materials and reveal: how much you can see – of wood siding and shingles.
- Consider replicating the material, particularly at highly visible and eye-level locations, where it is easy to see what the material is.
- Consider non-historic materials if they replicate dimensions and finish of the historic materials and, for wood alternatives, they can be painted.
- Select materials that do not attempt to imitate wood grain, as wood grain is usually concealed with finishes when applied to the exterior of buildings.
- Install replacement materials to maintain the same relationship to window frames and other trim elements to avoid non-historic appearing flat facades. This may require the removal of existing materials.
- Use non-historic paintable materials to replicate wood siding in less visible areas.

Masonry

- Plan repointing projects to replicate the mortar in kind and not change the character of the masonry.
- Use recommended mortar type for type of material and exposure.
- Avoid eye-catching repointing using poorly matched mortar.

- Employ experienced masons who can prepare joints, match and mix mortar, and replicate the style of mortar placement.
- Maintain historic stucco and avoid repairs with non-stucco materials such as caulking.
- Avoid replacing stucco with imitative layered material that required seams.
- Replicate texture when repairing sections of stucco.



*Figure 2: This residence displays three exterior materials above a stone foundation: lapped siding on the first story, board-and-batten siding on the second story, and half timbering at the attic level.
634 W 21st Avenue*

Masonry Basics

- Masonry consists of solid units – brick, stone, or terra cotta – and mortar that joins the units.
- Mortar is both a technical and design element of a masonry wall.

- Mortar is the weaker, more porous component and allows moisture to move out of the building.
- The color, texture, and placement, the style of the mortar, are part of the historic character of masonry.
- Stucco is also considered a masonry material as it is a mixture of water, sand, lime, and Portland cement that is applied wet to a backing and dries in place.
- Portland cement mortar is not appropriate for historic masonry elements because it is too hard and may damage the structure over time.

Refer to [Preservation Brief 2: Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings for technical guidance](#)

Chimneys

- Recognize that exterior chimneys are historic character features of exterior walls.
- Maintain materials of exterior chimneys as other masonry elements, exposed and in good condition.
- Remove a chimney below roof height if it is in a non- or minimally-visible location, in poor condition and not needed for a furnace.

Half-Timbering

- Recognize half-timbered walls as assemblies of wood boards embedded into stucco areas that may require frequent maintenance.
- Maintain the historic pattern and dimensions of wood elements and perhaps uneven surface.
- Use paint to maintain the pattern of different materials and textures rather than one color of paint.
- Maintain historic texture and color of stucco.
- Replicate if necessary, in paintable materials, design, dimensions, color and finish.



*Figure 3: This bungalow displays half-timbering on the gable face and cedar-shingles on the dormer walls.
703 W 20th Avenue*

Non-Historic and Replacement Materials

- Avoid installation of non-historic materials that would be considered remodeling.
- Avoid redesigning by installing different historic materials that might have been used.
- Avoid using replacement materials that attempt to imitate traditional ones and that have non-traditional textures.
- Use materials that can be sized to replicate historic dimensions and that can be painted.
- Select materials for the public, highly-visible façade and all visible and minimally-visible facades that are not vinyl or applied in the manner that vinyl siding is applied with moldings that keep the siding in place.
- Use the closest available replacement material applied in a similar manner to historic material. For example, cement board siding applied horizontally to recreate horizontal wood siding.
- Use replacement materials on minimally-visible locations while maintaining historic ones on the highly visible portions; use paint to minimize differences.
- Avoid remodeling or updating through exterior material choices.

Other Exterior Elements

- Recognize that small elements attached to walls, such as lighting fixtures, may not be historic features but can be intrusive if not traditional in design and materials.
- Mount lighting fixtures in ways that limit damage to exterior wall material.
- Use traditional gutters and downspouts to convey water from the roof.
- Locate downspouts in their original locations or around the corner from the street-facing façade on the side wall.
- Use traditional lighting elements in visible locations and modern fixtures in less visible locations.



*Figure 5: This bungalow is clad with cedar shingles above a cut-stone foundation.
457 Shoshone Place*



Figure 4: This bungalow has rough-textured clinker brick on the first story and stucco walls on the second.

CHAPTER 5: CONTRIBUTING - ROOFS

Goals

- Maintain the historic character features of the original roof form and materials.
- Avoid remodeling buildings with the use of roof materials different from those of the original.
- Preserve the historic character of chimneys.
- Retain historic character of smaller roof elements, including exposed rafters and purlins, braces, cornices, and treatment of overhanging eaves.
- Avoid installation of intrusive roof elements such as skylights in highly visible areas.

Historic Character Features

- Roof shape, pitch and materials reflect the building type, and time of construction
- Complex roof forms generally are covered with one consistent roof material.
- Chimneys often have design features: corbeling, panels and decorative “chimney pots.”
- Recognize that some chimneys that rise from the roof are historic character features.
- Parapets edging flat roofs often have elements conveying the style of the building.
- Refer to Preservation Brief 4: Roofing for Historic Buildings

Roofs

- When possible, retain the historic materials, particularly those on highly visible locations.
- Repair and replace only damaged elements of unusual roofing materials, including clay tile, metal, and slate.
- Maintain and repair roof edging and eave elements and replace missing elements in-kind.
- When repair and limited reconstruction is necessary, recreate the form, height, corbeling, paneling and other character features of roof chimneys.



*Figure 6: This Mission-Revival cottage with stucco walls has a complex gabled roofline clad with clay tile.
606 W 20th Avenue*

- Avoid remodeling residences with the installation of novelty or brightly colored roof coverings.
- Plan to use Architectural Shingles with more depth and texture similar to historic wood and slate shingles on roofs with large expanses of roof that are part of the character of the house if those materials were used historically.
- Plan to use conventional asphalt shingles in a neutral color on roofs whose surfaces are not important design elements.
- Treat standard chimneys in minimally visible locations as important functional elements and maintain in good condition.
- Maintain materials of chimneys as other masonry elements, exposed and in good condition.

Eaves of Sloped Roofs

- Retain all combined functional and ornamental elements of the eaves area: the underside of overhanging roofs, exposed rafter tails and purlin ends, brackets, assembly of trim boards called an entablature, and projecting elements

as components of architectural style and historic character features.

- Avoid concealing deteriorated elements with thin sheet metal called “panning” or aluminum stock coil material. Instead, address deteriorated material and the cause of deterioration.
- Use existing elements as the sources for replacing missing ones in design, dimensions, and likely in material, although cast composite elements might be appropriate to use at the second story and above.
- Avoid redesigning architectural elements in these areas with the use of mass-produced elements that are not near replicas to historic elements.

Cornices

- Retain projecting cornices and all of their elements as important components of architectural style.
- Use existing elements as the sources for replacing missing elements in design, dimensions, and material, although cast composite elements might be appropriate to use at the second story and above.

Existing Dormers

- Retain visible components of dormers: walls, windows, small architectural elements and roofing as historic character.
- Retain dormer eave design
- Retain any special windows in dormers.
- Retain contrasting wall material for dormer walls, if present in the historic building, and avoid applying roofing materials to dormer walls.
- Retain dormer roof shape .
- Follow guidance for window replacement standards for dormer windows.
- Discuss whether dormer windows above the second story may be classified as not highly visible, depending on the distance from the street.

- Consider dormer windows in non-street-facing facades as minimally-visible or not-visible.
- Select dormer windows for conversion to egress points in least visible areas of the building and make minimal changes needed for egress.



Figure 7: This English/Craftsman residence has several gabled roofs, including a roof dormer and porch steps roof, with angled brackets at the wide eaves.

2015 S. Oneida Place

New Dormers

- Plan to add new dormers to the uppermost story in non visible and minimally-visible areas.
- Avoid planning new dormers for street-facing, highly visible roof slopes.
- Select dormer siding and roofing materials to allow them to blend in with the historic elements of the house.
- Select window shapes and configurations that are traditionally used in dormers and that fill most of the dormer outward-facing wall.

CHAPTER 6: CONTRIBUTING - PORCHES AND ENTRANCES

Goals

- Maintain all intact historic porches and entrances as they are historic character features.
- Consider recreating as open porches those that have been removed or enclosed, as open porches were common in the district.
- Maintain historic materials at this highly-visible portion of houses.
- Avoid the remodeling of entrances and porches by removing them, enclosing them, or adding them where they did not historically exist.
- Porches have a standard set of features that determine their character and should not be altered:
 - Depth, width and height of the covered area
 - Location of steps
 - Foundation material supporting the floor
 - Elements between the floor and the roof: posts and railings
 - Porch roof shape and material
- Use traditional porch materials for the type and style of the house when replacing a porch
- Design the scale of the porch appropriately for the house and consider sheltering the entrance.

Historic Character Features

The entrance to a residential property is always a historic character feature. It establishes or reinforces the style of the building and often uses high-quality materials that are experienced at and near eye level.

The entrance sequence for single-family houses in the CHPHD often includes a porch and an entrance.

- The porch, like a stoop, provides physical access to the entrance. Porch features include the design and materials

of: steps, foundation, floor, balustrades, posts or columns; frieze below porch roof edge; and porch roof shape and materials.

- The entrance is where one enters the house. Entrance features include: surround (framing) design and materials; side and upper windows design and materials, and door design and materials.
- Porch railings were common in some porch designs and were omitted in others. Historic porch railings were lower than modern, prefabricated ones that are often 36" in height.
- Wood porch elements are often original character-defining features but are also exposed to the elements. When maintenance has been intermittent, changes throughout CHPHD have included replacement with masonry, other wood elements, boxed-in square columns, or columns of composite materials.
- Porch railings historically were wood, stone or cast stone, and porch walls at railing height were brick or stone.



Figure 8: This bungalow porch has brick knee walls framing steps and serving as closed balustrade walls. Square wood posts support a lintel with a decorative dentil course. Brackets support the overhanging eaves of the porch roof. The wide door flanked by narrow windows is the entrance.

Porches

[Refer to Preservation Brief 45: Preserving Historic Wooden Porches](#)

- Retain the historic components and materials of a porch, when present, if possible.
- Repair and replace only very deteriorated and damaged elements, retaining historic material when possible as condition is often varied due to location and exposure.
- Keep porch elements' protective coatings – paint and stain – intact and use caulking to keep water out.



Figure 9: This full-façade porch has full-height octagonal columns supporting its shed roof. Brackets at the eaves and a shallow shed-roof to deflect rain from the upper level windows with original sash.

- Avoid the permanent installation of vinyl panels – solid or with clear panels – to enclose a porch unless the panels can be rolled and stored in a not-visible position

Porch Railing

- Substitute materials may be acceptable in porch railings if the dimensions and design are appropriate for the building.
- Maintain the original design of porch railings as they were integral to the porch design.

- Consider using cast stone porch balusters to replace deteriorated stone balusters of similar design and the same dimensions.
- Porch Railing Building Code Requirements: When the porch floor is less than 30" above grade, there is no requirement for a handrail or a handrail of a specific height.
- If a handrail is required, consider how to maintain historic handrail height and add an additional, little-noticed railing above it to meet code requirements or contact the SHPO to see if code relief may be obtained.
- Avoid taller porch railings as they alter the proportions of the design (unless required by code).
- Delay purchasing mass-produced railings and columns until after the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- Consider using composite materials to replace wood porch railings if they will receive paint.

Recreating a Porch

- Use Historic Sanborn Fire Insurance maps that show the size of historic porches.
- Recreate a porch floor at its original height, if it has been removed, by using evidence on the building
- Copy a porch design from a nearby house that has the same style and size of porch.
- Use available millwork components or brick masonry to complete a simplified version of a porch appropriate for, and of the same size as, the historic porch.
- Create a porch space of historic size with neutral, unobtrusive components with the emphasis on recreating the porch space.
- Try to use tongue-and-groove flooring to help a recreated porch to complement the historic house.
- Be restrained with the use of millwork on a new porch as it will all have to be painted.

Porch Floor and Steps

- Maintain traditional material in place for porch steps: stone, brick and concrete.

- Replace irreparable stone steps in kind or with neutral concrete steps.
- Maintain the historic configuration of steps.
- Maintain the handrail location or add handrails at the sides of steps.
- Maintain a slight slope of porch floors for water runoff.
- Replace partial or entire individual pieces of tongue-and-groove porch flooring as needed and maintain as much historic material as possible.
- Keep the wood floor and steps painted and use sand in paint or non-slip material on steps.
- Keep concrete flooring uncoated to avoid trapping moisture under waterproof coatings.

Porch Posts

- Repair wood porch posts or columns with small wood Dutchmen repairs and use epoxy to strengthen wood and keep painted.
- Select replacement posts or columns to replicate height, use of bases and caps, as well as form and style of original posts, if possible.
- Masonry posts and post bases
 - Keep original materials in place and repoint as needed.
 - Maintain original aesthetic and technical components of mortar.
 - Keep masonry unpainted to maintain and expose historic character materials in highly visible areas.

Porch Ceiling

- Keep wood ceilings, often tongue-and-groove, painted or varnished.
- Maintain moldings and decorative trim elements at ceiling and entablature areas to keep historic materials exposed near eye level.
- Avoid installing overlay materials (metal or vinyl) that conceal historic materials and trap moisture.

Porch Amenities

Porch lighting, porch swings and fans do not require review or a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Sun Porches and Second-Story Sleeping Porches

- Retain the traditional design of sun porches that have windows that are entire or partial window walls: use sash of one size; use a combination of operable and fixed units if desired; and avoid calling undue attention to the area.
- Retain the original design of sleeping porches on second stories that usually have consistent windows filling the upper walls above a low solid wall.
- Consider retaining portions of porches enclosed with windows as sun porches as an historic alteration.
- Select replacement windows for sun and sleeping porches that are appropriate for the style of the house and nature of the porch, using the Windows section of this document.

Entrances

Remember that you need a building permit and a COA for replacing a front door and jamb.

- Keep all entrance elements rather than remove some, or add some, for a door of a different size.
- Select storm and screen doors to be appropriate for the style and age of the house and door.
- Retain all historic elements of an entrance – framing and decorative components, windows if any, and door – as historic character features.
- Retain historic doors, refinished if necessary, and re-glazed with clear glass if necessary.
- Retain decorative narrow side windows and transom or fan windows above doors as the framing, size, and decorative glazing are difficult to replicate.
- Avoid new doors of a different style than the originals. Select a replacement door, if needed, in the appropriate

style and with the appropriate extent of glazing for the age and style of the building.

- Avoid mass-produced or pre-hung door that cannot be used in historic opening sizes.
- Avoid removal of decorative wood framing elements and side windows.
- Avoid use of glass blocks in an entrance assembly to replace window sash.



Figure 11: This Colonial Revival cottage has an entrance surround and inset front door approached by a two-step stoop. W 21st Ave



Figure 10: A portion of the concrete stoop of this brick English cottage is sheltered by a gable-roofed exterior vestibule. The arch of the door is echoed in the arch of the vestibule form. W 21st Ave



Figure 12: A roofed section of the driveway – a porte cochere – completes the entrance components of this bungalow. Stairs to the porch rise from the driveway as well as the front walk. Shoshone Place



*Figure 13: “View balconies” at the second-story levels of English/Craftsman residences and bungalows are another type of porch-like element in the district. Usually shallow, and perhaps recessed as this one is, these features had a balustrade and were accessed by doors from the interior.
W 20th Avenue*

CHAPTER 7: CONTRIBUTING - WINDOWS

Goals

- Maintain the historic character of all windows in contributing buildings, particularly those in the special window category due to their distinct historic design and materials.
- Avoid diminishing historic character and authenticity through the use of non-traditional window materials and windows of the wrong size for the opening.
- Maintain building fenestration, pattern of windows, with no additions or subtractions, except in minimally-visible and private locations.
- Recognize that windows are one of the most important architectural features of a building and are a character element.
- Avoid replacing windows for energy conservation, as that is not necessary to control heat loss and there are other, more effective means to control heat loss.
- Recognize that windows are experienced from the interior and exterior of the buildings and are a quality-of-life factor
- There are a range of options for addressing poorly functioning windows and while retain and repair is an ideal option, it may not be the solution that some property owners face.
- Maintaining and repairing historic windows on highly visible locations and using other windows on less visible locations is an option.
- All special windows in these locations will be retained and repaired.
- Replacement windows on the facade must meet a majority of these conditions: no change to window opening size; historic material, and historic operation (double-hung, casement)

Historic Character Features

- Historic windows have several characteristics:

- Windows are openings of particular size and orientation vertically or horizontally.
- Window openings have frames that hold the sash in position and moldings that conceal the joints between sash and siding.
- Frames have dimensions relating to the size of the opening and operation of the sash.
- Moldings, including wood “brick molding,” have profiles that add shadows, depth, and interest to historic façades.
- The window sash itself has various characteristics:
 - Material
 - Dimensions and amount of glazing
 - Configuration (number of sash in an opening and divisions in the glass)
 - Operation: hung, casement, fixed, awning

Window Terminology

Special window: units that have decorative muntin patterns; leaded glass; etched, opaque and colored glass; curved glass.

Standard window: units that are common, basic glass held in a simple wood frame.

Muntins: narrow strips of wood that hold small panes of glass that may be decorative or simple.

Mullions: wider divisions, usually wood, that separate each sash in a grouped sash assembly.

Light: the pane of glass held by muntins that are often counted to describe windows, as in “one-over-one” or “six-over-one”

Operation: refers to various ways to open windows, as in sliding up a hung sash, pushing casement sash out to the side, and pushing out a lever to open awning sash.

Historic Window Design

- Windows are divided into small sections of panes – lights – by wood or metal muntins.
- Specific patterns of muntins are closely aligned with some architectural styles and are hence design elements.
- Windows with decorative muntin designs are “special windows” and should be maintained as they are difficult and expensive to replicate.
- Muntins provide depth of profiles and shadow lines: historic character.
- Simulated divided lights with snap-in or sandwiched grids do not replicate historic character.



Figure 14: The historic windows with grouped windows separated by mullions and small panes defined by narrow muntins further the Colonial-Revival style of this residence. Dormers have arched window heads and curved muntins. Shoshone Place

- When windows are highly visible, as on a public street-facing façade, the material of the windows can be perceived: try to replicate the material of the historic sash as well as other design elements.

When windows are minimally visible and standard in design, replicate the size, operation and configuration of historic sash; alternative materials can be used, and dimensions do not have to be as close to the original.

Ways to reduce heat loss at windows:

- Use historically appropriate exterior storm windows
- Seal all cracks around window frames that allow air and heat to leak out with caulking and weather-stripping
- Use interior curtains or install interior storm windows
- Explore whether double-glazed standard sash could be installed in existing window frames

Existing Windows

[Refer to Preservation Brief 9: The Repair of Historic Wood Windows](#)

- Retain historic wood sash windows as a high-quality, well performing material that cannot be replaced in kind as new wood is not as strong and durable.
- Repair damaged sections of window sash and framing elements.

Visibility Matters

- Windows are important building elements positioned at and near eye-level.



*Figure 15: Historic French doors and multi-pane casement windows are fitted with storm sash.
W 21st Ave*

Window Replacement

Highly visible locations

- Plan to replicate character features of the entire window and its sash.
 - Retain historic size and shape of the opening.
 - Select windows that fill the opening without making it smaller.
 - Select windows that do not require a second set of framing elements as this reduces glazed area.
 - Retain window moldings as significant historic character features that can be repaired.
- Replicate any special windows so that it matches the historic window in design, size, operation, configuration, materials, and dimensions.
- For wood windows use:
 - Wood
 - Metal clad wood

- Composite materials that replicate historic sash and can be painted
- For metal windows use: Iron or aluminum
- Avoid using vinyl windows. The limitations of vinyl windows in meeting historic district standards:
 - Vinyl sash does not replicate the dimensions of the taller bottom rail, has a flat appearance, often has meeting rails that do not meet, and true divided light designs are not available.
 - Simulated muntins placed on the interior of the glass are not appropriate as they do not have the same appearance.
- Avoid converting a door to a window or a window to a door as this alters historic character.
- Replicate any molding that covers the joint between the window and wall with millwork that replicates the historic molding on the building or is a reasonably close alternative design suitable for the style of the building.
- Select window sashes that replicate the characteristics of the historic:
 - Select a similar size of the overall window as well as components: top rail, bottom rail, side rails and muntins so that glazed area is very close to what it was historically.
 - Select sash that has the frame dimension patterns of historic sash, such as taller bottom rails for hung windows and casement sash.
 - Select sash with the same configuration: number of sash in a group and number of lights in a sash.
 - Select sash that has the same operation – how a window is opened – or, if fixed, appears to have the same operation.
- Consider sash replacement only and retain and reuse window frames and any brick molding.
- Select windows made from:
 - Wood
 - Metal clad wood



Figure 16: Window sash in this 1949 residence includes a picture window flanked by casement sash with horizontal muntins, sash that appears in a bank of four windows above. Oneida Place

- Composite materials that can be painted

Minimally visible locations:

- Select windows made from:
 - Wood
 - Metal clad wood
 - Composite materials that can be painted
 - Vinyl

Non-visible locations:

Windows can be replaced and are not reviewed for COA.

- Windows can be of any material, configuration, and operation.
- Openings may be enlarged; openings may be blocked.
- Doors may be converted to windows and windows to doors.

Note: Historic houses were built with one type of window sash and therefore materials were consistent from room to room. While these standards allow for the use of sash of replacement materials

in minimally visible areas, different kinds of window materials on the interior may not be visually pleasing.

New Window Openings in Highly-Visible and Minimally-Visible Locations

- Avoid disrupting historic fenestration with the addition of new windows.
- In some cases, a new window can be added to appear to be part of the historic arrangement of openings on a building side.

Blocking and Changing Window Openings

- Plan to maintain all window openings in highly visible and visible areas.
- Windows in visible areas may be shortened in height from the bottom to accommodate a kitchen layout.
- Plan blocking window openings and changing the size of windows carefully in minimally visible areas



Figure 17: The fenestration of this façade features grouped windows with an elaborate surround below a view balcony with a door flanked with sidelights. W 21st Ave

Storm Windows

- Consider retaining existing storm sash.
- Select configurations of storm sash that replicate that of the window sash – with a framing element in the location of a meeting rail or mullion of casement sash.
- Consider using removable interior storm windows.

Skylights

- Avoid adding skylight openings in street-facing sloped roofs, both main and secondary roofs.
- Position skylights in minimally visible or not visible portions of the main roof.

CHAPTER 8: PAINT AND USE OF COLOR

A COA is not required when painting:

- Wood siding and trim
- Wood substitute materials that are typically painted
- Stucco
- Painted metal elements, such as porch railings

A COA is required for painting unpainted surfaces such as masonry or stone.

Goals

- Allow property owners to paint traditionally-painted materials in colors they select.
- Avoid the painting of masonry materials – brick, stone, terra cotta, cast stone – that should not be painted for both technical and historic character reasons.

Paint and Color Historic Character Features

- Historically, paint color was derived from mineral pigments and these natural, earth-toned colors remained in common use in the built environment.
- Many cities do not review and approve paint colors used for painted portions of buildings. The HPO is adopting this practice for the CHPHD, although individually listed properties on the Spokane Register do go through paint color review.
- Retaining the inherent color of masonry materials exposed and unpainted is critical as they are historic character features and can be harmed by the application of paint and other coatings.
- Use the correct type of exterior paint for the material to be painted.

Paint, Stain and Coating Tips

- Consider using consolidating materials such as epoxy and water-proofing coatings only on material that is in active deterioration, and then, with caution, as such coatings can trap moisture and create laminated sections of materials causing more damage.
- Plan to repair cracks and apply paint on stucco rather than an additional layer of plaster or mortar, called parging.
- Traditional paint colors are derived from mineral pigments, natural materials.
- Historic paint catalogs present small samples of these colors and are good references.
 - The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture archives has a set of historic paint color samples in a Dutch Boy Paint publication (ca. 1929).
 - The Sherwin Williams Company's Exterior Historic Colors are appropriate for many buildings, particularly those built in the 1910s-1930s.

CHAPTER 9: USE OF SUBSTITUTE BUILDING MATERIALS

The term substitute materials is used to describe building materials that have the potential to match the appearance, physical properties, and related attributes of historic materials well enough to make them alternatives for use when historic materials require replacement.

Compelling reasons to use a substitute material instead of the historic material include the unavailability or poor performance of the historic material, or environmental pressures or code-driven requirements that necessitate a change in material. Substitute materials can be cost-effective, permit the accurate visual duplication of historic materials, and provide improved durability.

If necessary, choose substitute materials that match the appearance of the historic material.

Consider carefully the physical properties of both the historic and substitute materials

Consider the performance of the substitute material over time, its proven durability, and continued availability.

Refer to [Preservation Brief 16: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors](#)

Rehabilitation

- When considered for use on historic buildings, composite materials of various types must be evaluated in terms of:
 - Ability to be cast, extruded, and stamped to replicate historic elements in design and dimensions
 - Ability to have a finish that does not have a shine, false grain or other texture, or other characteristics that readily identify it as a non-traditional material
- Avoid the use of composite materials used for elements of porches that must be installed with visible brackets, rather than by the traditional inset joints of wood elements.

- Consider composite materials only if they can be painted and installed without visible joints, are of appropriate design and dimensions, and in consultation with HPO staff.
- Finishes (typically paint) have a smooth, not-textured finish.

CHAPTER 10: LANDSCAPING

Goals

- Maintain the landscape character of the district and avoid introducing intrusive elements.
- Maintain the experience of a mature tree canopy shading public sidewalks and trees planted in residential landscaping.
- Maintain the historic pattern of curb cuts and driveways as secondary elements of residential properties and streetscapes.
- Maintain traditional ratios of vegetation to buildings to paved areas with the use of narrow driveways and no large off-street parking areas.
- Add pavement or change yard material in the smallest areas that meet the needs for the change.

Historic Character Features

- The historic landscape incorporates a mature tree canopy and other plantings that provide variety in vegetation and shade for people and enhances the experience of walking in the neighborhood.
- On-premises walks connect public sidewalks and entrances.
- Single-family houses provide for automobiles with curb cuts, narrow driveways and garages.
- Broad swathes of yard extend between facades to the street curb, uninterrupted by side fences and seldom by plantings.
- Fences are seldom present in front yards or to mark side yards; Fences are limited to rear yards or enclosing side yards for corner properties.



*Figure 18: This property's landscaping includes a series of arbor structures; choices like this are acceptable in the residential landscaping.
W 21st Avenue*

Fences

- Avoid fencing front yards.
- Plan fence projects in compliance with the City of Spokane's Fences Residential Zoning guide.
- When street facing, plan open fencing no higher than 42" height in line with or behind the front of the residence.
- Plan for 6-foot privacy fencing at the lot perimeter behind the public façade of the house.
- Consider traditional materials for walls and fencing in the historic district: masonry walls; masonry pier and metal panel fences; metal fences; and wood privacy fencing.
- Avoid use of imitative materials such as shiny vinyl as inauthentic components of the historic district and limit their use to minimally visible and not visible locations.



*Figure 19: New side yard fencing was placed to extend from the façade of the house and keep the front yard unfenced.
Oneida Place*

Hardscape

- Keep and maintain historic hardscape features in highly visible areas, in particular stone retaining walls
- Keep and maintain the traditional ratio of paved on-premises paths and building to lawn and vegetated areas.
- Use traditional materials for on-premises sidewalks and hardscape. Use concrete unless there is evidence of brick or stone paving.
- Plan to locate new exterior hardscape amenities, such as patios, pools, water features, pergolas, and gazebos on side yards and more private locations of the property.
- Avoid using hardscape design to create an inauthentic historic feature.
- Reduce or limit on-premises paving with impervious materials.
- Installation of a broad range of residential amenities and landscaping elements that are removable or easily reversible.

Small Lawn Features

- Installation of sculpture, fountains, and other artistic elements do not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Vegetation and Trees

- Changes to vegetation do not require a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Note:

Over 100-year-old trees are a critical part of what makes the Cannon Hill Park Historic District such a historic and beautiful place. While changes to trees do not require a design review or COA, the City must be notified of any major tree work or removal of trees. Home owners are encouraged to take care of the trees on their property. The established trees, such as the Ponderosa Pines (aka Ball Pines), will provide shade and beauty for hundreds of years.

The City of Spokane Urban Forestry department has many resources. Its information includes watering and planting guides, as well as an approved list of species for planting in the tree lawn.

<https://my.spokanecity.org/urbanforestry/>

The Spokane Conservation District is a great resource for tree care and has arborists on staff who can answer questions.

<https://spokanecd.org/pages/community-forestry>

CHAPTER 11: NEW ELEMENTS: ENERGY, COMMUNICATIONS & UTILITY EQUIPMENT

Goals

- Afford possibilities for incorporating new elements and amenities.
- Recognize that features such as solar panels, communication and utility elements can be technically visible in historic districts without intruding on its overall historic landscape character.
- Balance competing goals of retaining historic character with the presence of features that represent other environmental interests.

New Element Basics

- Consider the degree of visibility and placement when planning to install new elements (e.g. satellite dishes) in historic districts.
- Many utility and infrastructure elements are hardly noticed or “seen” over time unless they are atypical, add a new pattern of elements, or call attention to themselves.
- Visibility is not the only consideration for utility-like elements.
- New elements are not eligible for Special Valuation benefits.

Solar Panels

- Consider solar panel installation on rear-sloping roofs or the rear portion of side-facing roofs. Avoid street-sloping roofs and porch and dormer roofs. Use garage roofs if possible.
- Place panels on flat roofs.
- Use rectangular forms for grouped panels.
- Install panels as close to and parallel to a roof slope.
- Avoid side-yard solar panel installations.

- Ensure panels can be removed and the structure returned to its original configuration.

CHAPTER 12: CONTRIBUTING - ADDITIONS

Goals

- Maintain the historic character of the streetscape by ensuring that its original plan and massing are evident.
- Maintain the historic portion of the home as dominant in perceptions of the property through the use of secondary additions.
- Provide guidance for the design of additions that balance both compatibility and differentiation.
- Provide guidance for the design of replacement or new exterior access staircases.
- Provide guidance for the siting and design of new garages.

Additions

- Plan additions to be minimally visible to a contributing property.
- The most important determinations of appropriateness for new additions are: location and scale.
- Design and materials can increase or decrease the appropriateness of an addition.

Location and Scale for Additions

- Plan an addition to be located in a private or minimally visible area.
- Locate side additions at the rear of the building, leaving the front third of the original wall exposed.
- Design an addition at a scale that is secondary to the historic home and lower in height and smaller in footprint.
- Plan an addition's massing to avoid significant contrast.
- Avoid introducing nontraditional materials in visible areas of the addition.
- Consider common traditional extensions of historic residences, such as sun porches and sleeping porches on the second story, as the inspiration for the design of additions.

Materials and Design for Additions

- Design an addition where the design is compatible rather than differentiated if most of it is visible.
- Design an addition in materials that replicate, or are similar to, those of the historic building. Consider slight differences, such as the exposure of lapped siding or brick color or texture.
- Consider using a simplified version of the style of the historic building for an addition.
- Consider varying the grouping of windows of similar scale to provide compatibility but not introducing significantly different fenestration in visible areas.

Exterior space additions

- Plan for new decks, porches, balconies, pools, and other amenities to be located in private and minimally visible areas.
 - Plan for these types of additions to not be visible to avoid the need for design and materials review.
 - Plan for the review of exterior additions that are minimally visible in terms of scale, location and materials.

Garages

Note: Changes to garages do not require a COA unless they are attached to the residence or are street facing. New garages that do not touch the primary residence can be constructed without review by Historic Preservation. The below list can be used for design guidance.

- Maintain historic garages that contribute to the historic character of the property.
- Site new free-standing garages at the rear of the property or behind the residence.
- Site attached garages to the rear, non-visible portion of a historic home. Garages that are attached to a contributing historic home will be treated as an addition.

- Site a garage so that no more than two garage bays are visible from the street.
- Design a garage as a traditional, one-story non-intrusive building with a gable roof, single siding material, garage doors, people door, and windows.
- Design a garage with occupiable space on the upper level to be in scale with lot, sited as other garages, and compatible with the primary residential building on the property. Follow the Scale, Massing, Height guidelines from Chapter 15: New Construction.
- Use one of these approaches:
 - Maintain height and scale of an historic two-story carriage house but avoid replicating aspects of the main building
 - Design the building to be perceived as a contemporary garage with an apartment above.
 - Consider using a simplified treatment of the historic style of the main house using roof type, materials and color to minimize intrusiveness.

Storage Sheds, Chicken Coops and Other Sheds

- Locate in a private or minimally visible area.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Note: Changes to accessory dwelling units do not require a COA unless they are attached to the residence or are street facing. New ADUs located behind the primary residence and not attached to the house do not need to be reviewed. The below list can be used for design guidance.

- Site new building at the least visible portion of the property to not impact the historic streetscape.
- Design the building to be in scale with the lot and compatible with, yet secondary to, the home.
- Follow the Scale, Massing, Height guidelines from Chapter 15: New Construction.

CHAPTER 13: NON-CONTRIBUTING RESIDENCES

Goals

- Keep non-contributing dwellings as recognizable elements of the continuum of residential buildings and as compatible elements in the historic district.
- Provide owners of non-contributing buildings some options without increasing the visual presence of such buildings in the district.
- Avoid the partial remodeling of non-contributing buildings to maintain cohesiveness in design and use of materials.

Continuity and Continuum

- Non-contributing buildings in the CHPHD tend to be in their original condition in terms of design and materials.
- These buildings tend to be compatible with the historic, contributing buildings in the district due to their siting, scale and materials.
- Owners can choose to retain these buildings as designed, update them, or replace them as they do not contribute to the historic significance of the district.
- Proposed changes to non-contributing residences will be compatible if they do not introduce elements that are visually intrusive.



Figure 20: The house at 1909 S Stevens Street was constructed in 1985 and is considered to be non-contributing due to its construction outside of the Period of Significance.

CHAPTER 14: DEMOLITION REVIEW CRITERIA

Demolition of Entire Buildings

City of Spokane SMC 17D.100.220 requires the SHLC to consider the following factors when reviewing an application for demolition. This following expands on the criteria in terms of the historic continuity and continuum of the landscape character and significance of the CHPHD:

1. The historic importance of the property

The CHPHD nomination states that the district is eligible under Category A, Community Planning and Development, as a designed residential landscape. The nomination categorizes properties as contributing and non-contributing based on dates of construction before and after 1958, the end of the period of significance. The district nomination emphasizes that the park-like landscape and residences scaled to lot size and designed per prevailing architectural preferences that establish the character and continuity for the landscape. While each building contributes to the experienced landscape, the overall streetscapes and landscapes convey the character of the district. The broad categories of contributing and non-contributing are the starting points for the consideration of the importance of each property, or existing residence.

By definition, non-contributing properties are officially not part of the district's historic character and are not protected from demolition. That said, they embody building materials and energy, are compatible with the district's landscape, and in the CHPHD are not intrusive in scale, materials, or general presence in the landscape.

An individual contributing property built during the period of significance contributes to the streetscape of the CHPHD. The historic pattern of residential development in Spokane includes long periods of building-out residential additions and hence there is no decrease in significance for houses built during the later

decades of the period of significance. In a similar manner, house size is not proportionate to historic importance in this district.

The character of the CHPHD relies on the variety of house sizes and styles. It is difficult to develop a credible argument that any of the contributing buildings in the historic district are not important to its character and continuity of the architectural styles in the landscape.

Authenticity and historic character in the district are in danger of being lost one building at a time because of demolition. The point of the historic district designation is to limit this type of loss.

2. The nature of the redevelopment which is planned for the property

While each contributing building has comparable historic significance in terms of demolition, this criterion requires the consideration of the subsequent use of the property if a contributing building were to be demolished. The broad zoning changes in Spokane adopted in 2023 make it possible to build a variety of multiple-family dwellings in the CHPHD. Non-contributing properties in this district are isolated and consequently assembling parcels large enough to redevelop with multi-family residential use will be limited. More common will be the rare demolition on a single lot of limited scale.

If redevelopment of the site is proposed, that development project should be presented prior to or at the same time as approval of demolition is requested. The replacement building(s) must be in the "highly-compatible" category (as determined through the Compatibility in Design Scorecard; see Appendix I), in order to minimize the loss of historic character in the district as a whole. When a project is rated only as "compatible", the redevelopment project may not justify approval of demolition.

3. The condition of the existing structure

The difference between deferred exterior maintenance and structural soundness will be considered. While the City identifies

several conditions for Substandard Buildings, that code enforcement program notes conditions to be addressed. Such necessary work is not evidence that a contributing building must be demolished. There is always the option to rehabilitate a substandard building.

At the time of designation, the dwellings in the CHPHD were, as a rule, in sound condition and in good repair. The practice of deferring maintenance so a building becomes deteriorated and unsound is known as “demolition by neglect.” Taking such steps and then proposing necessary demolition on those grounds is not credible as an argument for demolition.

Conditions that merit serious consideration for the demolition of contributing buildings in CHPHD include damage by fire, due to storm and falling tree damage, ground shifting and collapse, and similar unexpected circumstances.

When a building is determined to be a threat to life and safety, the Building Official or Fire Marshall will order demolition, no matter the status of the building in the historic district.

4. The effect on the surrounding neighborhood of the planned replacement use

The adoption of the CHPHD is a land use agreement that the existing buildings – with 94% percent of homes contributing – will remain standing and in residential use. When a residence must be replaced or an owner desires to replace a non-contributing building, the property owner is able to build “missing-middle” scale multi-family dwelling units. The expectation for compatible new construction entails expectations for such new residential buildings be scaled to the lot size existing in the district. The historic district designation is not at odds with this zoning.

5. The overall effect of the proposed redevelopment.

This criteria recognizes that redevelopment has an effect on the neighborhood character and the elements of the neighborhood’s urban design. As previously noted, redevelopment that is not highly

compatible with the district at all levels of analysis, would not contribute to or maintain the historic character and continuity of the historic district. Such proposals do not provide a compelling reason for demolition or approval of the proposed new construction.

Other aspects of redevelopment would also affect the larger patterns of the district and should be avoided. These include any vacating of streets and alleys, the assembly of significantly larger parcels than existing within the district, and any variance in terms of existing residential zoning.

6. Any proposed mitigation measures.

The SHLC will take into consideration any mitigation measures proposed by the applicant which may include salvaging significant architectural features of the structure after properly documenting the building before demolition

CHAPTER 15: NEW CONSTRUCTION

Design review of new construction in historic districts has a particular goal: new buildings must be designed to fit into – or be compatible with – the historic streetscapes of the district. Because the “sense of place” is a characteristic of an historic district, how that environment changes with new construction matters because it is a permanent change to the district. The presence of residences in the CHPHD built over time establishes a continuum of residential design that new construction should be considered to be part of. The goals of new construction are the continuum of compatible design at the size and scale that is appropriate for this district.

Continuum and Compatibility Basics: Context Sensitive Design

The field of historic preservation has long used the concept of “context sensitive design” but uses the term “compatible.” Designing for a specific site within the historic district allows for compatible new construction in one spot that may not be suitable for another site within the district. Architects will need to think carefully about how the new building fits in with the immediate surroundings as well as the neighborhood as a whole.

This concept of compatibility is spelled out in the National Park Service’s Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. That set of standards includes The Standards for Rehabilitation that are the basis for the CHPHD Design Standards and Guidelines. This guidance uses the term “compatible” in both the technical sense – as in not introducing incompatible materials – as well as in the visual terms like massing, scale and set back. The guidance notes that compatibility can be achieved with various design solutions.

It is important to note that “compatibility” is not “comparability.” Compatibility can be defined in terms of the absence of conflict; in more casual and visual terms, it can mean being a good neighbor in that a building “fits in.” Comparability is a very close state of compatibility, in that the two things have enough in common that

they can be compared meaningfully. The common phrase “don’t compare apples to oranges” refers to real differences. Apples are not oranges, but they are compatible in the fruit bowl. Compatibility may incorporate comparability – which in the built environment can include some form of replication.

Approximately 5% of the properties within the CHPHD are non-contributing and these properties could be redeveloped. The built environment in the historic district will change over time, but the historic, contributing buildings will continue to provide the underlying historic continuity for the district.

In order to encourage creative design solutions within the Cannon Hill Park Historic District, a design framework and compatibility scoresheet created for other districts will be used. This approach is open-ended rather than prescriptive. In a nutshell, we are not going to tell you how to design a building for the district. There are no requirements for flat roofs or pitched roofs – but if the surrounding buildings all have pitched roofs, the new building will score higher if a pitched roof is incorporated into the design. The framework for context-sensitive new construction is firmly grounded in compatible contemporary design: design that is clearly of the 21st century and doesn’t try to fool the viewer into thinking that it might be historic, but at the same time, it still fits into the historic district as compatible design.

The overarching goal of this framework for new construction is that new buildings in the district will not diminish the historic character of the neighborhood, or district, as a whole. Compatible, context-sensitive design avoids that effect. In this way, the changing residential patterns of Spokane’s residents will continue to be met.

This framework – which constitutes the standards for new construction – has a different format and way of use than traditional historic district standards and guidelines.

New Construction Design Review Basics

The consideration of compatible new construction is based on these concepts:

- The streetscapes of the historic district, in this district with buildings placed within a park-like landscape, are the main resource that will be considered, and no building will be approved that is visually intrusive.
- The nature of context-sensitive, compatible design means that a proposal approved for one location will not automatically be compatible and appropriate in another location.
- Each proposal will be considered for its specific location only. There should be no expectation that a proposal approved for one location will be approved for another site in the district.
- Contemporary design can be compatible within a historic district and provides an authentic continuum of architectural design.
- While energy conservation and durability attributes are important to consider for materials used for new construction, these reasons alone will not likely be reasons for finding materials compatible.

The importance of ensuring new construction in a historic district is compatible means that the SHLC will review and approve proposals at a monthly commission meeting with a public hearing where members of the public will be able to comment on proposals.

Precedent and Patterns

The CHPHD has a park-like landscape with prominent tree canopy that unites streetscapes composed of residential properties built over several decades. Houses are carefully scaled to lot size so each property has a similar setting and there are strong patterns in scale, siting, design, and use of materials that provide context for the design of new buildings. A continuum of architectural design present in the district suggests that contemporary residential design is appropriate. Multi-family dwellings scaled to lot size can also be compatible. See the “Scale, Massing and Height” guidelines for more information.

Design Strategies

There are several broad strategies for the design of infill buildings, or new construction, in historic districts:

A new building could:

1. Replication of historic buildings in design and materials is one approach. This strategy has been popular because people enjoy, for example, Craftsman bungalows. Using replication design avoids the discussion of contemporary designs as compatible.

Criticisms of replication include creating a false sense of history and appearance of the replicas in the streetscape. With the use of modern construction methods and the high cost of construction, property owners often select a simplified example to copy. Decisions based on cost and simplification diminish the ability of a new building to appear “historic” in design. Even so, there are instances where a replica design strategy is appropriate, perhaps in an intact historic streetscape with only one location available for new construction.

2. Abstract Reference: The strategy of making an abstract reference to historic examples, or context, in the design of a new building can result in a range of solutions. A new building could have an abstract, yet obvious visual reference to buildings in the setting. Buildings with abstract references to a historic context may be appropriate in a streetscape with several non-contributing buildings.
3. Juxtaposition as a design strategy results in buildings that are intended to have little relationship with their historic context and stand out noticeably in a streetscape. This is the most difficult strategy to be successful within historic districts because it is difficult to see the new building as visually compatible with historic buildings. Even so, a small building in a location that has buildings of various ages and sizes may be an appropriate place to use design juxtaposition.

4. Invention Within: A fourth design strategy is recommended for most new buildings in the CHPHD. This is an “invention within” approach – one that clearly references common building types and/or building types in the district without duplicating them. Instead, these designs incorporate historic forms and details and “reinvents” them to seem more contemporary. Another way to think about this type of design is “traditional with a twist,” to be “of its time” rather than a replica or standard design.

An example is a porch on a new building that had a slightly different form than was common historically with modern posts and railing designs. Another type of reinvention would be to use the massing of a large single-family home for a duplex or triplex and reinvent porch and entrance locations and detailing to indicate the number of units within.



Figure 22: The condominium townhouse development in Browne's Addition could be considered “Invention within” – the buildings match other nearby structures in scale and massing.



Figure 20: The house at 4 W 18th Ave built 2023 with traditional residential forms and materials. The setback matches the existing homes.



Figure 21: This is multi-family building near on lower South Hill is set back and has a volume similar to the neighboring older multi-family buildings.

For more information on these design strategies, see:

Sense of Place: Design Guidelines for Historic Districts (2007)
Philadelphia.

http://www.preservationalliance.com/publications/SenseofPlace_final.pdf

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Framework for Compatible Design

Historic District Basics

The historic district itself is the resource being protected and new buildings must not have a negative effect on the historic character of the district. The streetscape creates the historic character and the basis of compatibility. For this reason, emphasis will be placed on the publicly visible portions of new buildings.

The analysis of the context includes the blockfront in which the building site is located and the one across the street. One experiences the district while moving through the facing blockfronts and they provide both the variety and continuity of the historic district.

Compatibility in design is a visual characteristic. Compatible design is an achievable design challenge that requires some comparability. Height, color, materials, and use of materials all matter and shall be carefully considered.

Using the Framework

The following sets of directives under each section of the Framework for Compatible Design correspond directly with the Compatibility of Design Scoresheet that Commission members and others will use to assess the compatibility of the proposed design.

Rather than be stated requirements, these directives suggest ways that compatible, context-sensitive design can be achieved. The directives are not a checklist or prescriptive set of standards to be met with each project. The architect is free to choose from among the elements that will ensure compatibility while introducing some differentiation.

Using the Scoresheet

Values signifying the importance of the factor in achieving a compatible design have been assigned.

Scorers should enter a low value, zero or one, if the goal is not met and one of the higher values to indicate that the designer has used this factor successfully in the design. Some directives, such as building setback, gain the full score if the criteria is met or receive a zero if not met. These directives do not have a “middle ground”.

The right column is a place to indicate the total points the scorer gave to a section of the scoresheet in contrast to the total amount possible. For instance, in the Context Compatibility section, one could score a 3 for the Character Area, 2 for Facing Block fronts and 2 for Adjacent Buildings to indicate that the building does not have the strongest sense of compatibility for its location. A total of 7 out of 15 possible points indicates that this aspect of context sensitive design has not been a focus for the designer.

Once all the sections are scored, totals for Parts I and II can be compared. One proposal may score higher in context and urban form than in design components, and vice versa. Each total can be categorized as compatible or incompatible.

Finally, the overall score is assessed. A careful review of the score will indicate areas where a design could be altered to be more compatible.

Process: Using the Framework and Scoresheet to Consider New Construction

Several, if not all, members of the commission and the HPO staff will score proposed buildings and the scores will be compared. The HPO will use this feedback in conversations about the project with applicants, who will alter the design to increase its compatibility score as they see fit. A subsequent design will then be scored and discussed.

The HPO and the applicant will determine when a project is ready to be presented to the Commission for a public hearing and approval. The HPO's report on the proposed building will include information on how it was scored. Members of the public will be expected to make comments about the appropriateness of the

project in its location in terms of the Framework for Compatible Design.

The goals of this process include:

- Keeping the building design with the designer and avoiding design-by-committee.
- Providing broad categories of urban design and design factors for comment and review.
- Providing a transparent evaluation process for applicants and district residents.

Tips for Success

- Pay attention to this framework to avoid project delays and unrealistic expectations.
- Note that some aspects of new designs are incentivized with additional scoring points.
- Be prepared to discuss your project with the Historic Preservation Officer and Historic Landmarks Commission members in terms of this framework.
- Do not search for uncommon elements to justify what is proposed.
- Use the request for compatible design as one that spurs creativity rather than one with limitations.
- Respect the efforts of the residents of Cannon Hill Park neighborhood who worked to establish the historic district.

Framework for Compatible Design in Detail

Section 1: Context and Urban Form Analysis

Project Location Analysis

Use three tiers for the context analysis for new construction:

1. The character-defining aspects of the historic district:
 - a. Analyze patterns and unifying aspects
 - b. Note how diversity is present and absent
2. Facing block fronts of building site:
 - a. Analyze building types and patterns of location on both block fronts
 - b. Diagram setbacks and spacing to insure compatibility
 - c. Depict streetscapes as elevations and in plan to note height, materials, and site access for vehicles
3. Adjacent buildings:
 - a. Establish compatible setback and height
 - b. With elevations indicate floor heights and entrances
 - c. Window placement

Form Analysis

Compatibility in the form and design of a new building within the CHPHD relies primarily on the following factors. Design choices to provide compatibility are listed for each factor.

Streetscape factors: Siting and Setback

- Site buildings to hold common setbacks from the public sidewalks to maintain the historic character of the district.
- Avoid encroachment on the public sidewalk with a shallow front lawn or no lawn as these patterns do not exist.
- Use similar relationships between a building and lot size, known as lot coverage
- Keep a common rhythm of building placement and distance between buildings
- Place the ground story at an elevation common for the blockfront

- Do not use unnecessary terraces to raise the lawn above adjacent ones or excavation to create walk-out basements
- Orient buildings and human access to the street while providing provision for automobiles at the rear of the property with a narrow driveway.

Scale, Massing, Height

Scale

- Design to maintain compatibility in scale – the combined effects of footprint and height, as compared to other homes on the block.
- Both the height and the footprint of new homes are important for compatibility in scale.
- The new building footprint should be no larger than 125% of the previous footprint, should be located on or within the previous footprint, and maintain or increase spacing between neighboring homes.

Massing

- Incorporate vertical and horizontal plane breaks in massing as the means for subtle modulation of form, to minimize scale, and as the point for a change in materials.
- Use inset and projecting balconies and porches to provide semi-private exterior space.
- Use massing that finds a balance between an unmodulated box and too much variation.
- Use pitched roofs over usable space, not only as false fronts or accent points.

Height

- New construction heights in the CHPHD district will be reviewed for compatibility based on the specific site.
- Avoid significant differences in height of closely positioned buildings by proposing no more than a one-story difference.
- Use some stepping up to the maximum height to limit the visual and privacy effects of a height difference.
- Avoid proposing large footprint, one-story homes.

- Consider the effects of hillside locations and height on down-hill neighboring sites.
- Use comparable floor heights so that windows and other horizontal elements on all stories have some visual consistency in the streetscape.

Explaining Plane Breaks

This term refers to shifts in the planes of wall surfaces. A vertical plane break occurs when a vertical element is introduced.

Examples include a bay window projecting from the main wall or vertical elements used to break up a long facade.

A horizontal plane break occurs when the plane is broken parallel to the ground. An example is when a second story overhangs or is set back from the first story. Several Arts and Crafts style homes include horizontal plane breaks with materials and textures.

Provision for automobiles

- Provide access via minimal curb access and narrow driveways to parking at the rear or side of the lot.
- Limit paved areas to the minimum required for access and parking.
- Use alleys where present for access to garages and avoid new driveways.

Section 2. Design Component Analysis

General: Orientation, Design Quality, Presence

- Orient the building to the street with visible human entrances and windows facing the street; position side entrances near the façade.
- Consider the overall presence of the building in the streetscape and its balance of compatibility and differentiation.
- Design a building based on intended use to avoid a false sense of history, e.g. new homes should appear as such as opposed to appearing like industrial lofts.

- Ensure a building does not use differentiation or overly complex design to call undue attention to itself and create a lack of visual harmony in the streetscape.
- Use a level of detail in massing, façade design, and use of color comparable to nearby historic homes.
- Pay sufficient attention to 360-degree design beyond the façade by continuing use of materials or introducing complementing materials, continuing some design elements, and avoiding blank or barely developed side walls.

Use of façade materials

- Use the same materials as the historic buildings in the district.
- Use materials with small variations, such as siding width.
- Use materials in the same manner as used on historic buildings, i.e. place wood siding in a traditional horizontal position rather than on the diagonal.
- Maintain a hierarchy of primary and secondary materials with primary material consisting of 70% of the façade.
- Use constructional logic in use of materials with lighter materials above heavier ones.
- Change materials only at vertical plane breaks or horizontal story breaks, or for projecting bays.
- Use primary materials on all facades of a building or follow the historic pattern of brick buildings that have less expensive brick on the elevations and rear facades than the face brick on the façade.
- Avoid materials traditionally not used on residential buildings, such as those considered to be appropriate for industrial or commercial building use.

Use of secondary façade materials and accent materials:

- Use the “rule of five” to avoid too many materials and visual clutter
- Use material of similar perceived quality as historic materials and avoid low-cost imitative materials that lack quality and endurance.

- Start with three materials for walls, windows and roof.
- Use no more than two additional materials: a second wall material or accent material in railings or porch elements.
- Use the same materials as the historic buildings in the district
- Use vertical plane and story breaks as locations for material changes.
- Use high-quality accent materials.
- Use materials for windows of the same quality as the rest of the materials.

Traditional Building Materials:

- *Brick veneer*
- *Lapped siding*
- *Stucco*

Traditional Accent Materials:

- *Limestone, basalt, granite*
- *Brick*
- *Textured and colored stucco*
- *Architectural metals*

Use of Color

- Use primary materials with traditional mineral-based colors.
- Use color in the manner used in historic buildings:
 - One dominant color, or with carefully selected colors as seen in some brick buildings
 - Non-traditional colors used primarily as accents
- Use color of similar value and saturation of permanent materials (brick and stone)

Façade design

- Use elements of similar scale as buildings in facing block fronts context.
- Use level of detail similar to buildings in facing block fronts context.
- Avoid copying historic styles.

- Avoid combining elements from different styles and creating a collage effect.
- Use constructional logic in dimensions of elements.
- Use fenestration logic based on the interior plan.
- Avoid eccentricity in fenestration.

Use traditional approach to entrance design:

Place individual entrances in multi-family buildings oriented to the street and clearly evident as the main entrance to each unit.

Place entrances into a building with multiple units oriented to the street and be clearly evident as the main entrance for residents and visitors.

Use design principles to keep entrances in scale with the human body and the building.

Basics: Architectural Design

- Incorporate traditional architectural design principles.
- Design with order and unity in visual aspects of the design.
 - Use proportion and rhythm to establish pleasing relationships.
 - Design with visual hierarchy in massing and fenestration.
 - Use symmetry or asymmetry to establish balance
- Consider proportions
 - Design with consideration to relationships of the parts to each other and to the whole.
 - Design so the visual relationship between all parts is harmonious and in scale.
- Consider proximity
 - Design so that building elements that are close together complement each other rather than compete for attention.
- Strive for coherence
- Design to avoid too many textures, shapes, colors and other characteristics that are perceived as non-similar and introduce jarring visual clutter or “busy-ness.”

Recognizing the Effort to Provide Compatibility

The Compatibility of Design Scoresheet includes opportunities to score additional points for compatibility:

- Some designs convey extra attention to the immediate context yet are contemporary in design.
- Sometimes a design does not meet all expectations, but feels “right” for the location. It is very difficult to articulate all of the possible ways a proposed design may be appropriate for the district - so the option is left open for something that had not been considered at the time these guidelines were created to meet compatibility.

Incentivizing Compatibility Within the district

The consideration of compatible, context-sensitive design is incentivized, based on context in each district. These factors are incentivized in the scoring of compatibility for the CHPHD that are based on dominant patterns in the streetscape:

- Response to context
- Footprint <125% of previous footprint, maintain spacing between adjacent homes
- Maintains setback and spacing between houses
- Building scaled to the lot size

COMPATIBILITY OF DESIGN RATING SCORESHEET FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION

New Construction in a Historic District Setting

This rating score sheet provides the framework for evaluating the visual compatibility of a proposed construction project for a specific site in the Cannon Hill Park Historic District, which is listed in the Spokane Register of Historic Places.

Scoring	Context & Form	Design	Overall
Highly Compatible (80%)	42+	70+	112+
Incompatible	<42	<70	<112

Section1: Context Sensitive Design and Urban Form

Context compatibility with:

Historic character of the area	0-4
Facing block fronts	0-5
Adjacent buildings	0-6

sub-total 15 max

Streetscape factors

Maintains common setback on block front	0 or 5
Maintains lot coverage patterns	0 or 3
Maintains rhythm, spacing	0-4
Maintains ground story at common position	0-3

sub-total 15 max

Scale, massing, height

Footprint <125% of previous footprint, maintain spacing between adjacent homes	0 or 5
Relates to historic patterns of massing (dominant and secondary)	0-2
Large forms modulated with horizontal/vertical breaks	0-2
Roof forms related to building type; cover occupiable space	0-2
Avoids difference in height of more than one story	0-4
Uses floor heights to further height compatibility	0-3

sub-total 18 max

Provision for automobiles:

Maintains existing patterns	0-4
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sub-total 4 max

Total Context & Form 52 max

Section 2. Design Components

Compatible Orientation, Design Quality, Presence

Entrance oriented to street	0-3
Evidence of traditional design principles	0-3
Compatible, well-designed presence	0-3
360-degree design	0-3

sub-total 12 max

Use of façade material

Uses material(s) found in district	0-5
Uses primary façade material	0-4
Respects "rule of five" for total number of materials	0-3
Uses materials in traditional manner	0-3

sub-total 15 max

Use of secondary façade and accent materials

Uses materials found in district	0-3
Materials changed at vertical plane, story breaks, bays	0-3

sub-total 6 max

Use of Color

One color dominant	0-5
Dominant color traditional mineral-based color	0-5
Color similar in value and saturation as context	0-3
Secondary colors compatible contrast with dominant	0-2

sub-total 15 max

Façade design

Has elements of similar scale as context	0-5
Avoids mixing disparate elements	0-5
Has degree of articulation similar to context	0-5
Has logical and compatible fenestration	0-5
Clear evidence of architectural design principles	0-5

sub-total 25 max

Incentivized aspect of the design

Response to context	0-5
Maintains setback and spacing between houses	0-5
Building scaled to the lot size	0-5

sub-total 15 max

Total Design 88 max

COMPATIBILITY TOTAL 140 max

APPENDIX 1: Glossary of Terms

Balustrade: a railing supported by balusters, seen most often on porches and balconies

Board and batten siding: wide plank siding installed vertically and with smaller strips of wood covering the joints of the larger boards.

Bungalow: a one or one-and-a-half story house with a gable roof and front porch across the entire or a part of the façade,

Eave Brackets: structural or decorative members that project from a wall to support or decorate the eaves of a roofline.

Cedar shingles: shingles of cedar wood often laid tightly set and with a smooth bottom edge

Clapboard: one of a series of boards used for siding. It is usually installed horizontally and the board is most often tapered in cross-section. Often seen with a narrow reveal on Craftsman style buildings.

Closed balustrade: a short wall, known also as a knee wall, spans the columns of a porch.

Column: used to support beams or arches on which the upper parts of walls or ceilings rest.

Cornice: the projecting moldings that form the top band of an entablature or wall.

Cottage: a one or one-and-a-half story house with irregular footprint and roof forms and with a stoop and perhaps vestibule rather than a porch

Dormer: area projecting from a roof with vertical walls and covered by a separate roof that expands the occupiable space within; the dormer face nearly always has windows.

Eave: the projecting overhang at the lower edge of a roof.

Façade: the exterior faces of a building, often used to refer to the wall in which the building entry is located.

Fenestration: the arrangement of windows and doors on the elevations of a building.

Gable: the wall that encloses the end of a gable roof; triangular gable end below a roof overhang.

Gambrel: a roof shape characterized by a pair of shallow pitch slopes above steeply pitched slope on each side of a center ridge.

Half-timbering: wood boards placed in geometric patterns within stucco; often seen on the second story walls and gable faces

Mullion: a vertical member separating window sash.

Muntin: a bar or rigid supporting strip between adjacent panes of glass.

Parging: cover (a part of a building, especially an external brick or stone wall) with plaster or mortar that typically bears an ornamental pattern.

Pilaster: a rectangular column, especially one projecting from a wall.

Pediment: the triangular gable end of a classical building, or the same form used elsewhere in the building.

Porch: An area adjacent to the exterior of a house covered with a roof; posts, often spanned with an open or closed balustrade, support the roof. Porches are large enough to be occupied beyond standing; they may be projecting or recessed.

Porte cochère: a roofed area under which vehicles pass, attached to the side of a house.

Portico: a structure consisting of a roof supported by columns at regular intervals, typically attached as a porch to a building.

Stoop: a small area at the front entrance of a house, often with steps and a flat area near the door. It may have a roof projecting from the house or be unsheltered.

View balcony: shallow balcony at the second story, accessed by a door; described during the 1910s as “view balconies”

APPENDIX 2: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Design Review Requirements

All items only apply to Highly (street facing) and Minimally (side of house) Visible areas as defined in Chapter 3

Type of Work	No Review/COA	Staff Review	SHLC Review
Awnings			
Awning - change of color	X		
Awning - change of style		X	
Awning - new		X	
Paint			
Re-paint previously painted areas	X		
Paint previously-unpainted materials (e.g. masonry)			X
Remove paint from masonry		X	
Landscaping			
Install new landscaping structure		X	
Remove historic landscape structure			X
Install new fence		X	
Install paved walkway	X		
Windows and Doors			
Replace windows			X
Replace doors - street facing			X

Replace doors - side of house		X	
Change window openings - side of house		X	
Create new window/door opening - street facing			X
Create new window/door opening - side of house		X	
Porch			
Repair porch	X		
Replace porch in kind		X	
Enclose porch - street facing			X
Enclose porch - side of house		X	
Build new porch			X
Siding			
Repair siding	X		
Install new siding			X
Garages and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)			
Demolish garage	X		
Construct detached garage or ADU (if street facing)		X	
Construct attached garage or ADU		X	Maybe
Roof			
New roof with like material		X	

New roof with new material			X
Remove or alter chimney visible from street			X
Change roofline			X
Other Exterior Renovations or Construction			
Install mechanical or utility equipment		X	
ADA ramp or accessibility improvement - street facing			X
ADA ramp or accessibility improvement - side of house		X	
Build addition			X
Build new deck		X	
Move an existing structure	X		

APPENDIX 3: Preservation Briefs

[Preservation Briefs](#) provide guidance on preserving, rehabilitating, and restoring historic buildings. These NPS Publications help historic building owners recognize and resolve common problems prior to work. The briefs are especially useful to Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program applicants because they recommend methods and approaches for rehabilitating historic buildings that are consistent with their historic character.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-briefs.htm>

1. [Assessing Cleaning and Water-Repellent Treatments for Historic Masonry Buildings](#). Robert C. Mack, FAIA, and Anne E. Grimmer. Surveys a variety of cleaning methods and materials and provides guidance on selecting the most appropriate method and the gentlest means possible. Discusses water-repellent and waterproof coatings, the purpose of each, the suitability of their application to historic masonry buildings, and possible consequences of their inappropriate use. 2000. GPO stock number 024-005-01207-9
2. [Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings](#). Robert C. Mack, FAIA, and John P. Speweik. Provides general guidance on appropriate materials and methods for repointing historic masonry buildings. 1998.
3. [Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings](#). Jo Ellen Hensley and Antonio Aguilar. Discusses the inherent energy efficient features of historic buildings. Recommends actions to increase energy efficiency. Describes alternate energy sources that have been used for historic buildings. 2011. *GPO stock number 024-005-01294-0*
4. [Roofing for Historic Buildings](#). Sara M. Sweetser. Provides a brief historic of the most commonly used roofing materials in America. Presents a sound preservation approach to roof repair, roof replacement, and the use of alternative roofing materials. 1978.
5. [The Preservation of Historic Adobe Buildings](#). Provides information on the traditional materials and construction of adobe buildings and the causes of adobe deterioration. Makes recommendations for preserving historic adobe buildings. 1978.
6. [Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning to Historic Buildings](#). Anne E. Grimmer. Cautions against the use of sandblasting to clean various buildings and suggests measures to mitigate the effects of improper cleaning. Explains the limited circumstances under which abrasive cleaning may be appropriate. 1979.
7. [The Preservation of Historic Glazed Architectural Terra-Cotta](#). de Teel Patterson Tiller. Discusses deterioration problems common to terra-cotta and provides methods for determining the extent of deterioration. Makes recommendations for maintenance and repair and suggests appropriate replacement materials. 1979.
8. Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings: The Appropriateness of Substitute Materials for Resurfacing Historic Wood Frame Buildings (1984). Rescinded October 2023; information and guidance no longer represent best historic preservation practices.
9. [The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows](#). John H. Myers. Provides information on evaluating the condition of historic wood windows and on practical methods for repair. 1981.
10. [Exterior Paint Problems on Historic Woodwork](#). Kay D. Weeks and David W. Look, AIA. Identifies and describes common types of paint surface conditions and failures. Provides guidance on preparing historic woodwork for repainting, including limited and total paint removal. 1982.
11. [Rehabilitating Historic Storefronts](#). H. Ward Jandl. Explores the role of the storefront in historic buildings and provides guidance on rehabilitation techniques for historic storefronts as well as compatible storefront designs. 1982.
12. [The Preservation of Historic Pigmented Structural Glass \(Vitrolite and Carrara Glass\)](#). Provides information on the early manufacture, installation, and use of this decorative building product commonly found in 20th century buildings; reasons for its damage; and a general approach for its maintenance, repair, and replacement. 1984.

13. [The Repair and Thermal Upgrading of Historic Steel Windows.](#) Sharon C. Park, AIA. Presents brief historical background on the development, use, and styles of rolled steel windows popular in the first half of the 20th century. Explains steps for cleaning and repairing damaged steel windows; provides information on methods of weatherstripping and options for storm panels or the installation of thermal glass. 1984.
14. [Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings: Preservation Concerns.](#) Anne E. Grimmer and Kay D. Weeks. Uses a series of examples to suggest ways that attached additions can successfully serve contemporary uses as part of a rehabilitation project while preserving significant historic materials and features and the building's historic character. 2010. *GPO stock number 024-005-01280-0*
15. [Preservation of Historic Concrete.](#) Paul Gaudette and Deborah Slaton. Discusses the characteristics of concrete and causes of deterioration. Includes information on cleaning, maintenance, and repair, and on protective systems. 2007. *GPO stock number 024-005-01253-2*
16. [The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors.](#) John Sandor, David Trayte, Amy Elizabeth Uebel. Provides general guidance on the use of substitute materials as replacement materials for distinctive features on the exterior of historic buildings. Revised 2023.
17. [Architectural Character—Identifying the Visual Aspects of Historic Buildings as an Aid to Preserving Their Character.](#) Lee H. Nelson, FAIA. Essential guidance to help property owners and architects identify those features of historic buildings that give the building its visual character so that their preservation can be maximized in rehabilitation. 1988.
18. [Rehabilitating Interiors in Historic Buildings—Identifying Character-Defining Elements.](#) H. Ward Jandl. Assists building owners in identifying significant interior spaces, features, and finishes so they may be preserved in rehabilitation work. Applies to all building types and styles, from 18th century churches to 20th century office buildings. 1988.
19. [The Repair and Replacement of Historic Wooden Shingle Roofs.](#) Sharon C. Park, AIA. Discusses historic wooden roofing, expectations for longevity, and repair and replacement options. Identifies roofing material that duplicates the appearance of a historic roof, offers guidance on proper installation, and provides information on coatings and maintenance procedures to help preserve the roof. 1989.
20. [The Preservation of Historic Barns.](#) Michael J. Auer. Identifies historic barn types, helps owners understand the historic character of their barns, and offers advice on the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of old and historic barns. 1989.
21. [Repairing Historic Flat Plaster—Walls and Ceilings.](#) Marylee MacDonald. Guides building owners on repairing historic plaster using traditional materials (wet plaster) and techniques. Suggests replacement options if the historic plaster is severely deteriorated. Useful chart on various plaster bases and compatible basecoats and finish coats. 1989.
22. [The Preservation and Repair of Historic Stucco.](#) Anne E. Grimmer. Describes the evolution of stucco as a building material, beginning with a brief history of how stucco is applied, and how its composition, texture, and surface patterns have changed. Includes guidelines on how to plan for and carry out repair of historic stucco, with sample mixes for 18th, 19th, and 20th century stucco types. 1990.
23. [Preserving Historic Ornamental Plaster.](#) David Flaharty. Discusses ornamental plaster production, explaining the processes of run-in-place and cast ornamentation using three common decorative forms as examples: the cornice, ceiling medallion, and coffered ceiling. Provides guidance on identifying causes of deterioration and understanding complex restoration techniques. Includes useful advice on selecting and evaluating a restoration contractor. 1990.
24. [Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Historic Buildings: Problems and Recommended Approaches.](#) Sharon C. Park, AIA. Underscores the importance of careful planning in order to balance preservation objectives with the interior climate needs of the building. 1991.

25. [The Preservation of Historic Signs](#). Michael J. Auer. Discusses the history of sign types pre-1800 to the 20th century, including symbol signs, flat signs, fascia signs, hanging signs, goldleaf signs, rooftop signs, and neon signs. Makes recommendations for their repair and re-use. 1991.
26. [The Preservation and Repair of Historic Log Buildings](#). Bruce L. Bomberger. Focuses on horizontally laid or vertically positioned logs, but the preservation and repair treatments are essentially the same for all log structures. Discusses traditional splicing-in techniques, the use of epoxies, and replacement, as well as guidance on the repair and replacement of chinking and daubing. 1991.
27. [The Maintenance and Repair of Architectural Cast Iron](#). John G. Waite; historical overview by Margot Gayle. Discusses the role of cast iron in 19th-century industrial development and the resulting advances in building design, technology, ornamental detailing. Provides essential guidance on maintaining and repairing architectural cast iron. 1991.
28. [Painting Historic Interiors](#). Sara B. Chase. Discusses wall paint and decorative surface treatments from the late 17th century to the 1950s. Describes the usefulness of a complete paint investigation for preservation and restoration projects. Provides guidance on the common causes of interior paint failure and preparing surfaces for repainting. Makes recommendations about paint with health and safety factors in mind. 1992.
29. [The Repair, Replacement, and Maintenance of Slate Roofs](#). Jeffrey S. Levine. Describes the causes of slate roof failures and provides comprehensive guidance on their repair and, when necessary, their appropriate replacement. Repair/Replacement Guidelines are included to assist owners prior to work. 1992.
30. [The Preservation and Repair of Historic Clay Tile Roofs](#). Anne E. Grimmer and Paul K. Williams. Reviews the history of clay roofing tiles and describes many types and shapes of historic tiles, as well as their method of attachment. Provides general guidance for historic property owners on how to plan and carry out a project involving the repair and selected replacement of historic clay roofing tiles. 1992.
31. [Mothballing Historic Buildings](#). Sharon C. Park, AIA. Describes process of protecting a deteriorating historic building from weather as well as vandalism when funds are not currently available to begin a preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration project. 1993.
32. [Making Historic Properties Accessible](#). Thomas C. Jester and Sharon C. Park, AIA. Introduces the complex issue of providing accessibility at historic properties, and underscores the need to balance accessibility and historic preservation. Provides guidance and many examples of successful projects. 1993.
33. [The Preservation and Repair of Stained and Leaded Glass](#). Neal A. Vogel and Rolf Achilles. Gives a short history of stained and leaded glass in America. Surveys basic preservation and documentation issues and addresses common causes of deterioration and presents protection, repair, and restoration options. Updated 2007. *GPO stock number 024-005-01254-1*
34. [Applied Decoration for Historic Interiors: Preserving Historic Composition Ornament](#). Jonathan Thornton and William Adair, FAAR. Describes the history, appearance, and characteristics of this uniquely pliable material. Provides guidance on identifying compo and suggests appropriate treatments, depending upon whether the project goal is preservation or restoration. 1994.
35. [Understanding Old Buildings: The Process of Architectural Investigation](#). Travis C. McDonald, Jr. Explains architectural investigation as the critical first step in planning an appropriate treatment. Addresses the investigative process of understanding how a building has changed over time and assessing levels of deterioration. 1994. *GPO stock number 024-005-01143-9*
36. [Protecting Cultural Landscapes: Planning, Treatment, and Management of Historic Landscapes](#). Charles A. Birnbaum, ASLA. Describes types of cultural landscapes. Provides a step-by-step process for preserving historic designed and vernacular landscapes to ensure a successful balance between historic preservation and change. 1994.
37. [Appropriate Methods of Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing](#). Sharon C. Park, AIA, and Douglas C. Hicks. Under

- revision to reflect current Federal laws and regulations concerning lead-based paint.
38. [Removing Graffiti from Historic Masonry](#). Martin E. Weaver. Focuses on cleaning methods to remove surface-applied graffiti without damaging historic masonry. Includes tips for successful graffiti removal, a discussion of barrier coatings, and useful charts designed to guide the graffiti-removal process. 1995.
 39. [Holding the Line: Controlling Unwanted Moisture in Historic Buildings](#). Sharon C. Park, AIA. Outlines a way to diagnose moisture problems and choose remedial treatments. Provides guidance on managing moisture deterioration, repairing and maintaining historic building materials, and correcting common problem areas. Includes charts on types of diagnostic tools, recommended treatments and treatments that should always be avoided. 1996. *GPO stock number 024-005-01168-4*
 40. [Preserving Historic Ceramic Tile Floors](#). Anne E. Grimmer and Kimberly A. Konrad. Summarizes the historical use of glazed and unglazed ceramic flooring tiles and describes different types of tiles. Provides guidance for maintaining and preserving historic ceramic tile flooring, on cleaning treatments, and on protective and code-required, slip resistant coatings. Also contains information on various repair options, as well as the selective replacement of damaged tiles. 1996.
 41. [The Seismic Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings](#). Antonio Aguilar. Discusses the issues of protecting historic buildings from earthquake damage. Describes approaches to seismic retrofit that make a building safe without destroying significant historic materials. Provides guidance on the extent of strengthening to consider, design approaches, and the visual impact of these changes. 2016. *GPO stock number 024-005-01322-9*
 42. [The Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement of Historic Cast Stone](#). Richard Pieper. Provides a brief history of the manufacture and use of cast stone. Discusses the causes of its deterioration, repairable conditions, and methods of repair. Addresses the replication and replacement of historic cast stone installations, and the use of cast stone as a substitute replacement material for natural stone. 2001. *GPO stock number 024-005-01190-1*
 43. [The Preparation and Use of Historic Structure Reports](#). Deborah Slaton. Defines the historic structure report and provides a historical overview of its use. Outlines an entire procedure for preparing a report, taking a team approach. 2004. *GPO stock number 024-005-01191-9*
 44. [The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings: Repair, Replacement and New Design](#). Chad Randl. Provides a historic overview of the practical and aesthetic use of various types of awnings. Presents guidance for their maintenance, preservation, and repair. Discusses the circumstances under which awning replacement is appropriate and how to achieve a compatible design for new awnings on historic buildings. 2004. *GPO stock number 024-005-01222-2*
 45. [Preserving Historic Wooden Porches](#). Aleca Sullivan and John Leeke. Explains how to assess the condition of historic porches. Provides detailed procedures for proper maintenance and repair, and includes measures to address code issues. Provides a range of information from the selection of materials to guidance on contemporary alterations. 2006. *GPO stock number 024-005-01240-1*
 46. [The Preservation and Reuse of Historic Gas Stations](#). Chad Randl. Provides guidance on assessing the significance of historic gas stations and provides information on their maintenance and repair. Describes appropriate rehabilitation treatments, including conversions for new functions when the historic use is no longer feasible. 2008. *GPO stock number 024-005-01264-8*
 47. [Maintaining the Exterior of Small and Medium Size Historic Buildings](#). Sharon Park, FAIA. Discusses the benefits of regular inspection, monitoring, and seasonal maintenance work for historic buildings. Provides guidance on maintenance treatments for historic building exteriors. 2006. *GPO stock number 024-005-01252-4*
 48. [Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries](#). Mary F. Striegel, Frances Gale, Jason Church, and Debbie Dietrich-Smith. Describes grave marker materials and the risk factors that contribute to their decay. provides guidance for assessing their

condition, and discusses maintenance programs and various preservation treatments. 2016. *GPO stock number 024-005-01328-8*

49. [Historic Decorative Metal Ceilings and Walls: Use, Repair, and Replacement.](#) Kaaren R. Staveteig. Discusses the history and manufacturing of decorative metal for ceiling and wall applications; provides information on paint removal, maintenance, and repair; and includes guidance on replacement. 2017. *GPO stock number 024-005-01330-0*
50. [Lightning Protection for Historic Structures.](#) Charles E. Fisher. Describes the history and components of traditional lightning protection systems; discusses inspection, evaluation, and maintenance of systems; and provides guidance on the repair of systems and the installation of new systems. 2017. *GPO stock number 024-005-01341-5*
51. [Building Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings: Planning and Maximizing their Application.](#) Discusses how to meet the goals of building codes while preserving or minimizing alterations to the character-defining features, spaces, materials, and finishes of historic buildings; provides guidance for selecting the optimal code compliance method and suggests best practices for achieving code-compliant solutions that also allow for the preservation of a building's historic character. Marilyn E. Kaplan, Architect, FAPT. 2024.

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Local Resources:

- [Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office](#)
- [Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture \(MAC\)](#)
- [Spokane Valley Heritage Museum](#)
- [Spokane County Official Website](#)
- [Spokane Preservation Advocates](#)
- [Spokane Public Library – Northwest Room](#)

Statewide and National Historic Preservation Organizations:

- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation \(DAHP\)](#)
 - [Certified Local Government Program](#)
- [Washington Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
 - [Washington Trust Consultant Directory](#)
- [National Main Street Program](#)
- [Washington State Digital Archives](#)
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National Park Service Links:

- [National Register of Historic Places](#)
- [Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation](#)
- [Historic Preservation Briefs](#)
- [Technical Preservation Services](#)
- [Federal Tax Credit Incentives](#)