



DAYTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DAYTON REGISTER SOUTH SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT

VOTER FORUM

Please join us at this Special Meeting of the Dayton Historic Preservation Commission to ask questions regarding the “Advisory Vote to the Dayton City Council”, see ballot enclosed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016, 7 -8 PM

**Location - ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH - PARISH HALL
112 S. 1ST ST., DAYTON, WA**

Dear Property Owner;

Please take this opportunity to provide an “Advisory Vote to the Dayton City Council” regarding the future of the local Dayton Register South Side Historic District.

The Dayton Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) and City held five workshops in February to discuss options for the future of the two local register residential historic districts and related historic preservation code amendments. The Commission has since concluded that this “Advisory Vote to the Dayton City Council” by you and your fellow district property owners is in the best interest of the City, Commission, and property owners.

Best regards,

Michael Smith

Michael Smith, Chairman
Dayton Historic Preservation Commission

And, on behalf of the Dayton Historic Preservation Commissioners:

Chrissy Talbott, Chairman, Pro Tem Ginny Butler
Carole Anne Lane Jim McCary Matt Zanger

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODE UPDATE 2016 - The City is in the process of updating the Historic Preservation Chapter 5-18 of the Dayton Municipal Code. The “advisory vote to the City Council” addresses a key amendment under consideration with this update. For more information visit the update project webpage at www.ezview.wa.gov/?alias=1936

Questions? Contact Karen Scharer, Dayton Planning, 509-540-6747 or kscharer@daytonwa.com

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS?

Dissolve the local Dayton Register South Side Historic District.

- This option eliminates the existing layer of requirements for obtaining a permit due to the property being located in an historic district.
- Property can still be listed individually by owners however to take advantage of tax incentives.
- The historic nature of the neighborhood may decline and impact the community as a whole both economically and physically.
- Grants for properties located in a district would no longer be available.

Retain the local Dayton Register South Side Historic District and change the process to Advisory Review.

- Change existing regulatory review to advisory review to obtain a permit.
- This option provides for the "Advisory" Commission review of exterior projects to property in the district that are visible to the road prior to obtaining a permit.
- Expertise and knowledge would be provided to Property owner(s) in the nature of recommendations but would not be binding.
- Any decline of the historic nature of the neighborhood and other community impacts may be felt less quickly than if the district were to be dissolved.

Retain the local Dayton Register South Side Historic District and the Existing Process for Certificates of Appropriateness approval.

- The existing regulatory review prior to obtaining a permit would continue to be required.
- This provides the greatest assurance that the historic nature of the neighborhood is preserved.
- The property owner continues to have the right to appeal the Commission decision to the Dayton City Council.
- This process is both mandatory and binding on Property Owner(s) taking extra time and effort prior to obtaining a permit for property located in the district.

ADVISORY VOTE VALIDATION AND RUN-OFF VOTE

1. Ballot Return Date – April 21, 2016
 - Ballots must be submitted in the envelopes provided and signed by the property owner or authorized agent to be validated and counted.
 - Hand delivered envelopes with ballots to City Hall must be returned by April 21, 2016 at 3:30 pm; or,
 - Mailed ballots must be postmarked by the return date of April 21, 2016 and must be received by mail within 10 days of April 21, 2016. (May 2, 2016 at 3:30 pm)
 - Ballots will be counted on May 2, 2016, 6 pm at City Hall, the public is welcome to attend.
2. If less than 51% of the ballots are returned, the City and Commission will assume that no change is desired.
3. If change is desired and one of the choices receives 75% of the votes received, this choice will be declared the preference of the Advisory Vote of the local Dayton Register South Side Historic District. No further advisory ballot will be offered.
4. A Run-off Vote (2nd ballot) of the top two choices will be held, if change is desired and none of the three choices receives 75% or more of the vote.