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Re: Planning Commission comments on Jewelers' Row Historic District

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Pursuant to Section 14-1004(4) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the City Planning Commission reviewed the Jewelers' Row Historic District on January 21, 2020.

As part of the process of creating new historic districts, the preservation ordinance requires the City Planning Commission to review and comment on the proposed district to ensure the designation is in line with larger City policies and plans.

The City Planning Commission, at its meeting of January 21, 2020, found that:

- Any proposed development in the historic district would require review by the Historical Commission.
- There would be no set height limits in the historic district but all proposed changes would require review by the Historical Commission. Recommendations and decisions on proposed changes would be guided by national historic preservation standards.
- For buildings that have been demolished in recent months (702, 704, 706, 710 Sansom Street and 128 S. 7th Street), the Historical Commission is scheduled to review and determine their designation status at upcoming meetings scheduled for February and March 2020. Prior to demolition, 702, 704, 706, 710 Sansom Street were all proposed as contributing resources to the Jewelers' Row Historic District with 128 S. 7th Street proposed as a non-contributing resource.

Sincerely,



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