

BEAVER PA HISTORIC DISTRICT CHRONOLOGY

1994--1995 Beaver Council and the BAHF successfully applies for designation by the US Department of Interior and its Historic District is placed on the National Register of Historic Places

2009-2011 Beaver Council appoints Historic Preservation (HP) Study Group, made up largely with BAHF members, to draft a Historic Preservation ordinance and creates the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

2012-To Date Activities Review - HARB consulted on over 45 historic preservation issues, including 14 demolition requests

2017-2020 Comprehensive HP Plan for Beaver was developed by HARB, updating the 25 year old HD inventory, proposing strategies for HD preservation including evaluation/recommendations for the current HARB ordinance and public education

HARB SUMMARY

- HARB is a Council appointed 7-member Board (4 are active in BAHF Board leadership positions) charged with administering Beaver's Historic District Ordinance, focused on enhancing the "look and feel" of Beaver's Historic District;
- Currently duties are limited to review and recommendations to Council for their action concerning HD demolition permits. The draft HP Plan recommends expanding the role to include new construction and substantial exterior renovations visible from public street within the HD

HP PLAN MAIN GOALS

Preserve & Protect the Historic Character of the Borough using community-wide preservation design guidelines and strengthen the ordinance with reviews and recommendations to Council for permit approval for major alterations and new construction in the HD

Increase Beaver's Awareness of History/Historic Resources via programs including project consultation, walking tours, print and social media outreach, House Badge Recognition Program: Contractor outreach program, PA and federal tax credit awareness for commercial properties

Seek support resources sources by joining PA Certified Local Government Program - a resource for a dedicated grants in support of Historic Preservation activities.

