



Historic Preservation Program Questionnaire

Results Summary

Summer-Fall 2007

INTRODUCTION

The following survey was distributed to a variety of stakeholders early in the preservation planning process. City council, planning commission, historic landmark commission, preservation planning professionals (developers, architects, REALTORS, etc.), community councils, and members of the general public received the survey. The purpose of the survey, which covers a variety of program components, is to receive a general read on how people think the historic preservation program is performing. This survey summary represents all responses received prior to October 26th.

How many people responded to the questionnaire?

29 (as of October 26, 2007)

Note: An additional 10 people submitted written responses to the survey but no check box responses. As this is a summary of the check box survey responses, those 10 surveys are not included in the above total or the calculations. These responses will however be folded into the inventory information being generated in part from feedback received at the public workshop and stakeholder interviews.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS SUMMARY

1. Do you believe Historic Preservation is a worthwhile goal?

Highly Agree	Agree	Not Agree
90%	10%	0%

2. What direction do you think the City should take in the future relating to historic preservation?

	Expand	Leave the same	Decrease
National Historic Districts	85%	15%	0%
Local Historic Districts	90%	10%	0%
National Historic Sites	84%	16%	0%
Local Historic Sites	85%	11%	4%
Historic Landscapes, Trees & Parks	81%	15%	4%
Regulations	68%	28%	4%
Incentives	96%	4%	0%
Education	96%	4%	0%



3. How satisfied are you with the steps taken before properties are locally regulated for historic preservation purposes?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unsatisfied
Conducting survey of structures	17%	71%	12%
Support from property owners	13%	50%	37%
Community support	9%	41%	50%
Public Hearing/Adoption process	0%	61%	39%

4. Are there individual properties, geographic areas, or thematic property types in Salt Lake City that have been overlooked or need to be studied in the future for possible historic designation on the local and/or national levels?

Yes 96% No 4%

5. Most people have an idea of what they like about the City, what they cherish, value and take pride in. In other words, what gives the City a sense of place. In your opinion, are there other things, besides buildings, that the City should protect from a historic preservation standpoint that helps protect this sense of place?

Yes 96% No 4%

6. According to national standards, structures which are 50 years or older can be eligible for historic designation. Therefore, buildings built in the 1950s (considered to be the recent past) are eligible for historic designation. Do you believe it is important to regulate structures of the recent past for historic preservation purposes?

Yes 93% No 7%

7. How well do you think the City is doing in balancing Historic Preservation goals with other development related goals?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not enough
Support Variety of Housing Choices	4%	46%	25%	25%
Compatible infill	0%	35%	19%	46%
Economic Development	8%	25%	42%	25%
Redevelopment	4%	13%	33%	50%
Mixed Use / Pedestrian Oriented	4%	13%	58%	25%
Environmental Sensitivity	0%	36%	32%	32%
Preserving Desirable Neighborhood	0%	32%	32%	36%



8. How well do you believe the City’s Historic Preservation regulations provide adequate protection for preserving designated historic properties?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not enough
Regulations	4%	37%	26%	33%

9. To what extent do you believe the existing historic preservation regulations and policies in Salt Lake City benefit the following?

	Excellent	A lot	Somewhat	Not At All	Neutral
Preservation of Historic Buildings	40%	56%	4%	0%	
Ensures Compatible Neighborhood Development	9%	61%	13%	17%	
Economic Benefits	9%	46%	36%	9%	
Increase in Tourism	13%	61%	17%	9%	
Environmental Protection	9%	41%	32%	18%	

10. How well do you believe the Historic Preservation program incentives encourage preservation?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Tax benefits	26%	37%	30%	7%
Loans	27%	31%	27%	15%
Conditional Use in Landmark Site	18%	23%	32%	27%

11. How well does the City use the following to inform and / or educate the public about preservation projects and programs?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Websites	9%	22%	39%	30%
Newsletters	0%	8%	38%	54%
Tours	0%	32%	32%	36%
Exhibits	0%	17%	29%	54%
Training	0%	4%	25%	71%
Plaques	0%	42%	37%	21%
Awards	0%	21%	42%	37%



12. Are there specific requirements of the Zoning Regulations or Design Guidelines that have repeatedly been the source of conflict for historic preservation efforts in the City?

	Never Conflicts	Conflicts Sometimes	Always Conflicts
Alterations	0%	88%	12%
Demolition	0%	42%	58%
Bona Fide Effort	0%	65%	35%
Economic Hardship	0%	33%	67%
Design Guidelines	13%	74%	13%

13. How well does the Historic Landmark Commission make decisions consistent with adopted regulations and best practices?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Design Guidelines	17%	71%	4%	8%
Zoning Ordinance	0%	55%	36%	9%
State Law	5%	68%	11%	16%
Preservation Best Practices	0%	73%	14%	14%

14. How well does the Planning Staff make decisions consistent with adopted regulations and best practices?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Design Guidelines	8%	54%	11%	27%
Zoning Ordinance	4%	38%	23%	35%
State Law	5%	45%	30%	20%
Preservation Best Practices	0%	36%	20%	44%

15. How well does the City provide adequate resources to ensure an effective, efficient, and consistent review process?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Not enough
Number of Staff	0%	15%	31%	54%
Staff Trained in Preservation	0%	12%	23%	65%
Review for Administrative Approval	4%	29%	25%	42%
Review for Commission Approvals	0%	29%	29%	42%
Updated Survey Information	4%	32%	20%	44%
Adequate Regulations & Guidelines	0%	20%	32%	48%
Trained Commission Members	0%	12%	42%	46%



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Yes	No	
92%	8%	Do you live in Salt Lake City?
50%	50%	Do you live in a Historic District?
50%	50%	Are you a property owner in a Historic District?
38%	62%	Do you deal with Historic Preservation in your line of work?
100%	0%	Do you have a general interest in Historic Preservation?
69%	31%	Do you regularly participate in your local Community Council?
52%	48%	Have you ever completed a project which was regulated by the City for historic preservation?