



LA GRANGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION - MISSION

The mission of the La Grange Historic District Commission (LHDC) is to safeguard the City's historic structures and cultural heritage; to foster civic pride in the past; to promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the people of the City; and to encourage preservation of historic integrity in land use and development planning.

2021-2022 - STRATEGY ON A PAGE (SOAP)

PRESERVE & ENFORCE

GOAL: To safeguard our historic structures and cultural heritage, preserving the past while ensuring the economic vitality and civic pride now and in the future.

IMPROVE EXPERIENCE

GOAL: To create seamless, easy-to-understand and navigate processes for citizens, commission members/staff and towns people.

INSPIRE, EDUCATE & PROMOTE

GOAL: Inspire the La Grange community to celebrate the rich history of our buildings, homes, and structures to build interest in preserving them for the future.

PARTNER FOR PRESERVATION

GOAL: Actively partner with city organizations and committees to raise money for property owners to preserve their historic assets.

INCREASE EXPERTISE

GOAL: To increase the core competencies of the commission members to evolve our abilities and better serve the community.

1. Evolve our guidelines based on need & best practice benchmarking
2. Craft new mural guidelines & guidebook.
3. Establish consequences for non-compliance
4. Award Annual "Best of" winners: Best renovation/project & Best application

1. Analyze end-to-end applicant process, identify & fix pain points
2. Proactively connect & build trusting relationships with new & existing property owners in the LGHD
3. Develop, test, learn & new experiences
4. Increase knowledge of LHDC & Guidelines with realtors & contractors

1. Introduce docent led & self-guided historic district tours
2. Create fun, interesting, & informational signage & plaques to engage citizens & visitors
3. Designate local landmarks & historic properties
4. Write monthly articles about preservation & LHDC in Oldham Era

1. Identify buildings in need of critical restoration
2. Identify grants & funding resources for restoration
3. Partner with Main St. Program & Tourism Commission for grants & funding
4. Establish a separate fund for LHDC to oversee & approve funding for restoration
5. Identify contractors with old building experience

1. Attend NTHP, NAPC, & KHC Trainings
2. Invest time in learning through memberships
3. Benchmark Best Practices
4. Build an advisory committee of architects artists, & preservationist to assist with our evolution.
5. Continuously identify & recruit seasoned experts