

2022 Annual Report

Auburn Historic Preservation Commission



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The North College Historic District

The District encompasses a portion of *The Old Main and Church Street* National Historic Register District. The identified historic properties represent years of Auburn history, dating from 1848 and continuing through the mid-1930's. The resources reflect important developments that occurred during these years.

The Old Main and Church Street District has a dual significance - architectural and historic. Historically, the district is important for its association with the development of Auburn from the agrarian days of the Creek Indians and early planters to the present day educational and economic community. Since the mid-nineteenth century Auburn University has been a significant influence in the economic and educational growth of the Southeast. The district housed many of the school's early leaders, as well as other persons whose contributions to the state, region, and nation have been historically important. The architectural character of the district reflects and juxtaposes the taste and lifestyle of distinct groups of people who, at different periods in the town's growth, comprised a significant portion of its cultural and economic base. The buildings were constructed between 1848 and 1937. Within a single century the economic power base of the community shifted from the antebellum period, reflected in the Greek Revival style, to the post-Civil War represented by the fragmentation characteristic of the Victorian era and early 20th Century.

New Commissioners

Maiben Beard was re-appointed and Gorham Bird was appointed to serve the commission on April 5, 2022. Their terms will expire on April 20, 2025.

Certificates of Appropriateness

The Historic Preservation Commission issued one Certificate of Appropriateness for major work requests in FY 2022:

124 Mitcham Avenue

- Approval of a request to construct an addition (covered patio) to a contributing resource.

The Commission also granted, through staff review, four Certificates of Appropriateness for minor work requests. These request included:

440 North College Street

- Approval to replace an existing parking area with asphalt

422 North College Street

- Approval to remove a dead tree greater than 4" diameter from the front yard

406 North College Street

- Approval to remove two diseased trees greater than 4" diameter from the front yard

414 North College Street

- Approval to add 112 square feet of pervious pavers to the front yard