

AGENDA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
G.L. Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Thursday, January 19, 2023
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Approval of the Agenda

BUSINESS

5. Chairperson Appointment for the Special Called Meeting
6. Request for Approval of Letter of Support for the Historic Resource Survey Grant Application

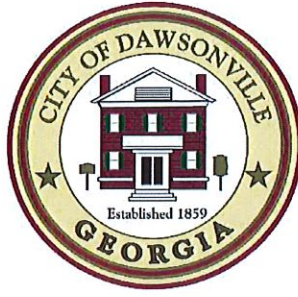
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting is February 27, 2023


If you wish to speak on the requests, please contact City Hall for a CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE form. This form is only needed if you have made campaign contributions in the amount of \$250.00 or more within 2 years prior to this date. All speakers must sign up to speak at the public hearing itself. There will be a sign-up sheet for speakers located at the entrance to the Council Chambers meeting room.

Those persons with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting, should contact the Clerk at Dawsonville City Hall at 706-265-3256 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.



City of Dawsonville

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: The Chair and Historic Preservation Commission Members
DATE: January 19, 2023
FROM: Harmit Bedi, Director, Planning and Zoning 
RE: Support Letter – Funds for Historic Resource Survey
Certified Local Government Status

Please find attached Support Letter for funds for Historic Resource Survey from the Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division.

Background:

The Georgia Historic Preservation Division is required to periodically evaluate the Certified Local Governments (CLG) in Georgia to verify their continuous compliance with the requirements of the program. According to the 2022 report, the City was found to be out of compliance with the Georgia Certified Local Government Program. **(Copy of the Letter from DCA attached)**

The Historic Preservation Division recommends Historic Resource Surveys be done every 10-15 years. Dawsonville's last survey was completed in 1991. The survey conducted in 2016 was not completed to the standards of the CLG program.

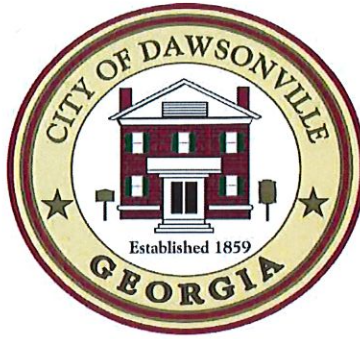
In order to maintain CLG status, the City needs to conduct a new Historic Resource Survey. Interestingly, the City is eligible to apply for funds for Historic Resource Survey. This is a 60%(federal) / 40% (local) matching grant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff request **Approval** to Authorize the Chair to sign the Support Letter for Funds for Historic Resource Survey.

Thank you.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Dawsonville is applying for a 2023 Historic Resource Survey Grant and the purpose of this letter is to state the Commission's strong and unanimous support for the need to receive funding for conducting a historic district survey and inventory of historic buildings and properties. The original intensive survey was conducted in 1991. However, the survey completed in 2016 was not completed to the standards of the Certified Local Government program.

In order to be in compliance with the present Historic Preservation Division standards and to remain in compliance with Certified Local Government requirements, we believe an intensive study by experienced professionals/entity is essential. Funding from this grant, in conjunction with matching funds from the City would allow both the Historic Preservation Commission and the City to meet goals of having and making available updated historic information about our historic resources for the tourists and citizens. Through this survey, the City will identify other historic resources.

Each member of our Historic Preservation Commission joins me in endorsing this request for grant funding. We are committed to providing whatever support and services that will be needed assist with this endeavor. Also, we are most appreciative of being favorably considered for receiving the funding that is needed for a successful intensive survey.

Kindest Regards

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Chair, Historic Preservation Commission

Brian P. Kemp
Governor



Christopher Nunn
Commissioner

Dawsonville
Stacy Harris
Zoning Administration Assistant
415 HWY 53 East, STE 100
Dawsonville, GA, 30534

Re: 2022 Certified Local Government Evaluation Review

Dear Ms. Stacy Harris,

Thank you for providing all the documentation requested for the 2022 Certified Local Government Evaluation Report. Dawsonville continues to grow and develop its historic preservation program and I look forward to working with you on those endeavors. I encourage City staff and members of the Historic Preservation Commission to continue to take advantage of training opportunities provided by the Historic Preservation Division, the Georgia Alliance of Preservation Commissions, and other preservation groups regionally and nationally.

The Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) is required to periodically evaluate the Certified Local Governments in Georgia to verify their continued compliance with the requirements of the program. At the time of your 2022 evaluation report, Dawsonville was found to be **out of compliance** with the *Georgia Certified Local Government Program: Application and Procedures*. Dawsonville is considered a **Category I CLG** for grant purposes and is **only eligible for survey grants** until a new survey is completed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office regarding this evaluation, the Certified Local Government Program, or other historic preservation matters. If we can be of further assistance, please contact our Certified Local Government Coordinator, Paige Jennings, at (404) 486 - 6442 or at paige.jennings@dca.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Asbrock". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Allison Asbrock
Director, Office of Community and Technical Services
Georgia Historic Preservation Division

