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### MEMORANDUM

Historic Resources Commission Meeting of August 11, 2016

**TO:** Historic Resource Commission Item F-4

**FROM:** Hope Sullivan, AICP  
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**DATE:** August 4, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Discussion regarding clarifying the 2005 Design Guidelines to identify discouraged materials.

At its meeting of June 16, 2016, the Board of Supervisors considered an appeal of the Historic Resource Commission's (HRC) denial of a vinyl fence in the Historic District. In upholding the decision of the HRC, the Board suggested the HRC review the Design Guidelines to determine if there is an opportunity to clarify the guidelines to identify discouraged materials.

The HRC began discussion of this item at its meeting of July 14, 2016. At that meeting, the Commission requested that a special meeting be scheduled so the Commission would have more time to focus on this item.

This item has been placed on the agenda to afford the HRC the opportunity to discuss what, if any, clarification of the guidelines would be appropriate. The HRC may also discuss the process to utilize in considering clarifying language.

Of note, attached please find a copy of a "Design Decision Tree" that is utilized by other Commissions in considering the use of alternative materials. The Commission may want to include a similar tool in the Design Guidelines so that the community is aware of the approach the Commission takes in considering alternative materials.

Attached: Design Decision Tree

# DESIGN DECISION TREE

