



Downtown Historic District Property Owner Comments Summary of comments received in June and July, 2021 Through phone and in-person conversations with staff and Le Sel Consulting	
1	Owner has property is in the opt-in district. Supportive of the proposed Downtown district. No additional comments.
2	Owner concerned about impact to her property - the building is her largest investment. While interested in learning about the approval process for the district, had less interest in hearing about benefits and restrictions of being in the district.
3	Owner is somewhat supportive and interested in learning about the district – non-committal at time of the meeting with him. He expressed concern over high taxes (not necessarily the city property tax) and that has a big impact on the implications for choosing tenants that can afford to lease the space.
4	Owner is opted into the Main Street District and supports the Downtown District. No concerns expressed.
5	Owner has ownership of several properties in the opt-in Main Street District, but not supportive of the proposed Downtown District - owners should be trusted to make their own decisions on upkeep of the property.
6	Owner was initially somewhat supportive. Said he wanted to confer with his business partner before making a final decision.
7	Owner has property in the opt-in Main Street historic district and fully supports the Downtown District. Does not want to see growth limited in the Downtown. Wants to see more development as way to further success for businesses and the district.
8	Owner initially cautious, then expressed support after learning more.
9	Met with all three owners. Lots of questions on the implications of the district. After listening, they indicated no support at this time due to discretion that HPB and CC has and that leaves them with uncertainty. Also don't feel their building is worthy of preservation due to its age and architectural style. They love Downtown and feel that many buildings are beautifully preserved. One of the owners indicated that her mind could potentially be changed. Expressed interest in learning about incentives package, particularly a substantial amount available for grants, before reconsidering the decision.
10	Property owner opted into the Main Street District and fully supportive of the Downtown District. Would like to see more funds available for the grant program to assist with many types of projects.
11	Owner has properties both in and out of the district. Not supportive of additional regulations. Feels strongly that the district should be by choice of the property owner. Feels the grant program is important.
12	Owner does not want any further government involvement/regulations for her property.
13	At time of meeting in mid-July, needed more time to review materials - indicated interest in meeting at a later date.
14	Owner has property in the district and is supportive of the all-inclusive Downtown District.
15	Not supportive - concerned that tax rates will increase and don't want any additional government oversight.
16	Long-time owner of property in Downtown. Concerned the city could require changes to the building, even if that is not a requirement in the District initially
17	Opposed to the district. Sells insurance as his business, and said that rates can go up for some property owners. Loves Downtown, but should be owners' choice to join.

18	Questions on timing of the district due to property being listed for sale. Indicated not supportive of the district, because it would put more restrictions for a potential new property owner.
19	Fully supportive of the district. Not in the Main Street district now, but has preserved the building he owns.
20	Supportive of the district, but his building is in need of major work. He is concerned that preserving it will cost more than the building may be worth. From a business perspective, it may not be a good decision, even with grants and tax credits. Due to some façade modifications over the years, feels that the building does not necessarily contribute to the historic character of the district. Would like to be in the district, but looking for flexibility in the regulations to ensure property owners do not suffer financially.
21	Owner is in full support of the district. Sees the district as helping to lift Downtown overall, preserve all historic character and that it will help bring more people to Downtown.
22	Initial support - would like to possibly meet later in the process.
23	Initial support - looking to review materials and further discussion.
24	Property owner worried about tax increases as a result of district designation.
25	Property owner not in the district - need time to consider what the district has to offer, but did not express much interest in the district. Would be interested in grant funds, however, if funding over \$100,000 is available for individual projects.
26	Not at all supportive of the district. Owner does not want any additional oversight of their property by government. They love their historic building and keep it maintained. Feel strongly that people should be able to do what they want with their building.