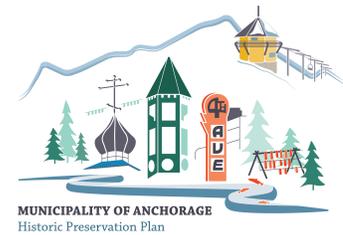


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### **Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Historic Preservation Plan Revealed at First Friday Event**

Anchorage, AK – The *Public Review Draft – Municipality of Anchorage Historic Preservation Plan (MOAHPP)* was unveiled at the Anchorage Museum’s First Friday event on March 2, 2018, to 3,000 people, “The largest crowd to ever enjoy a First Friday event,” according to Museum staff.

The *MOAHPP* was revealed through a series of displays, a presentation, a short oral history film and meaningful conversation with MOA staff, Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members, and *MOAHPP* consultants. During the presentation, MOA staff gave a short overview of the *MOAHPP*, which discusses the economic (revitalization and incentives) and social (quality of life and identification of landmark resources) benefits of historic preservation. Draft Community Council Histories were also made available to the public, in support of action items identified in the *MOAHPP*.

Attendees were invited to comment on proposed *MOAHPP* priority action items and share their thoughts on the Quality of Life elements they value in our city.

“Historic preservation is a tool that this plan [*MOAHPP*] looks to harness in order to make a positive impact in Anchorage,” said MOA Senior Planner Kristine Bunnell during the First Friday event.

The *MOAHPP* was developed in partnership with the HPC and included public workshops, consultations, a public online survey, and interviews with a variety of stakeholders. The *MOAHPP* intends to provide direction to Anchorage’s Historic Preservation Program by identifying visions, goals, and action items needed to support ongoing historic and cultural preservation in the Anchorage area.

The *MOAHPP Public Review Draft* is available at:

- \* To view and download: [www.AnchorageHistoricPreservationPlan.com](http://www.AnchorageHistoricPreservationPlan.com).
- \* Hard copies at: Planning Department Counter - 4700 Elmore Road, Anchorage.
- \* Draft Community Council Histories are available directly from the Planning Department.

**The *Public Review Draft MOAHPP* comment period ends April 30, 2018.**

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