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Submitted by: Clark County Historic Preservation Commission (Clark County, WA)

Session Title	Commissions and Building Codes: How Different Enforcement Structures of Preservation Regulations Can Lead to Different Outcomes
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Format and Length	Presentation
Speakers (name and biography)	Sean Denniston is a senior project manager at the New Buildings Institute, a non-profit organization working to improve the energy efficiency of commercial buildings. Sean previously worked as a principal at a historic preservation consulting and development firm that rehabilitates historic residential properties with an emphasis on energy efficiency upgrades. Sean is currently Vice-Chair of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission and has served on the Commission since 2016. Sean holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Oregon and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania.
Session Description (Brief description of content, anticipated case studies, roundtable topics: What will attendees learn by attending)	The protection of historic resources through regulation depends on more than just the regulations themselves. Enforcement is a key component, and preservation outcomes can vary depending on the enforcement mechanism for those regulations. Vancouver WA offers an ideal view into this issue of enforcement and how different enforcement



<p>this?)</p>	<p>structures can lead to different preservation outcomes.</p> <p>Through an interlocal agreement, the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission administers preservation regulations for Vancouver historic resources that are on the Clark County Heritage Register and make determinations such as certificates of appropriateness for changes. However, Vancouver also has heritage overlay districts. For historic resources in these districts but not on the Register, the Commission's role is only advisory and regulatory determinations are made by the Vancouver Planning Department. Although the standards for these two different kinds of designation are very similar, the conclusions reached by these two bodies can vary substantially.</p> <p>This presentation will focus on a major proposal for the historic Providence Academy site. Providence Academy is one of the most historically significant buildings in the region. While it is in a Vancouver heritage overlay district and on the National Register, the Academy is not on the Clark County Heritage Register. It therefore provides an ideal case study to examine how different bodies could enforce the same regulations differently, since the role of the Commission was only advisory on this project even though it is regulatory on other projects. Attendees will get an apples-to-apples comparison of enforcement of preservation regulations through a deliberative body like a commission a magisterial structure like a building department.</p>
<p>Core Audiences (Type of person most interested in attending this session)</p>	<p>Professional planners, historic preservation commission members, local office holders</p>