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# NEWS RELEASE

## Downtown Historic Districts Design Guidelines Kick-Off Meeting

The Topeka Planning Department and Heritage Strategies will hold a second public meeting about the process of creating comprehensive design guidelines for S. Kansas Avenue Commercial and Mill Block Historic Districts. The districts are listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

The meeting will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Celtic Fox, 118 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St. This meeting is an opportunity to provide input on the design guidelines. Business and property owners in the districts have been invited.

Design guidelines will help ensure the appropriate treatment and maintenance of historic buildings, while also providing a specific set of expectations for property owners and developers. Design guidelines typically include guidelines for architectural details and storefronts.

This is a 9-month process that will entail field work, public meetings and draft guidelines. The Topeka Landmarks Commission will use the guidelines to review projects within the historic districts. For more information about the historic districts, visit

<http://www.topeka.org/Planning/DesignGuidelines/>