White Plains, NY
May 7, 2020

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome and Introduction, All trainers

9:15 – 10:15  Legal Basics: A fundamental background of preservation law as it relates to local preservation commissions: local ordinance, local codes, and federal and state laws. Ramona Bartos

10:15 – 10:30  Break

10:30 – 11:30  Standards and Guidelines for Design Review: Reviewing the Federal Standards and Guidelines and learning to apply them to real world cases. Friederike Mittner

11:30 – 12:30  Alternative Materials: As fewer original materials are available to replace deteriorated or missing features, commissions need to consider alternative materials. Chris Skelly

12:30 – 1:15  Lunch

1:15 – 2:15  Meeting Procedures and the Role of the Commissioner: Best practices and preparation strategies for before, during, and after a public hearing. Ramona Bartos

2:15 – 3:15  Infill Design: Explore how to envision new construction and how to find the appropriate balance for your community between the goals of compatible yet differentiated. Friederike Mittner

3:15 – 3:30  Break

3:30 – 4:15  Public Outreach and Community Engagement: Gain the tools needed to be an effective spokesperson for historic preservation in the community. Chris Skelly

4:15 – 4:30  Wrap-up

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