

Week Two Discussion March 3, 2008

ISSUE: Building footprint and block frontage

Traditionally blocks in the Historic District contain multiple buildings. The blocks, therefore evolve over time to have a variety of uses. Single buildings occupying entire blocks challenge this diversity when they become vacant. A possible solution is to establish a maximum footprint or construct multiple buildings for shared use.

Resources

Downtown Master Plan Design Principle 2

Chadbourne pages 54-57

Historic District Ordinance page 14 Tall Building Standards and Large Scale Development; page 22 definition of large scale development.

ISSUE: Mass

Historically large scale buildings in the Historic District were broken into distinct volumes. The Chadbourne guidelines recognized this, but many of the suggestions were not implemented in the ordinance, resulting in block-long facades with little or no articulation.

Resources

Downtown Master Plan Design Principle 5

Chadbourne Study pages 48-51

Historic District Ordinance page 14

ISSUE: Streets and Lanes

The extraordinary quality of Savannah is embodied in the pattern of the Oglethorpe Plan. As opportunities arise it should be a first priority to recapture lost pieces of the plan.

Resources:

Downtown Master Plan Principle 1

Historic District Ordinance page 19 sec (14) (g)

Chadbourne Study pages 3-8

