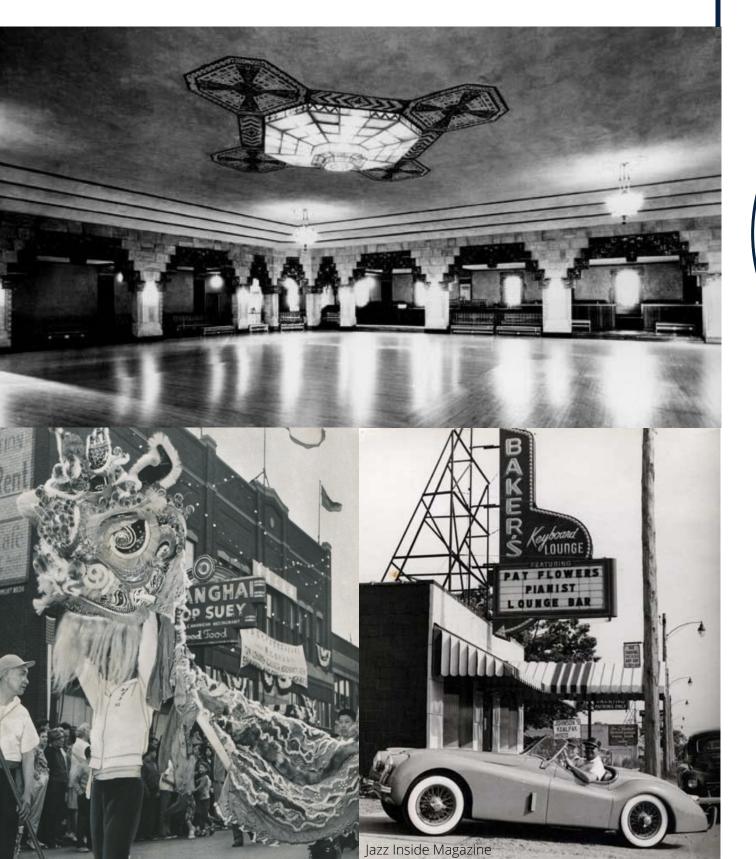
Historic Designation in the City of Detroit

WHAT IS THE HISTORIC **DESIGNATION ADVISORY BOARD?**

The Historic Designation Advisory Board (HDAB) was established by the City of Detroit's Ordinance 161-H of 1976, which sets up the procedures and regulations for historic preservation at the local level. The board's main function is to advise City Council on matters relating to historic preservation, most particularly in proposals for the designation of City of Detroit historic districts.



HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING A **DISTRICT DESIGNATED?**

Initial Request

A request is sent to City Council to consider a designation.

Final Report

HDAB staff prepares a Final Report after a **public hearing** and presents it to City Council. If the recommendation is for designation, it will contain a draft ordinance.

Ordinance

City Council may introduce the ordinance of designation. A public hearing before the Council happens. After it passes, the local historic district will be in effect and become regulated through the Historic District Commission.

People Preserving Places

Study Period

City Council may adopt a resolution directing HDAB to study the district.

Preliminary Report

HDAB staff prepares a Preliminary Report, describing the historic and architectural value of the proposed district.



WHAT CRITERIA ARE USED FOR THE EVALUATION **OF PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICTS?**

(1) Sites, buildings, structures or archeological sites where cultural, social, spiritual, economic, political or architectural history of the community, city, state or nation is particularly reflected.

(2) Sites, buildings, structures, or archeological sites which are identified with historic personages or with important events in community, city, state or national history.

(3) Buildings or structures which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural specimen, inherently valuable as a representation of a period, style or method of construction. (4) Notable work(s) of a master designer or architect whose individual genius has influenced their age.