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City of Plano Heritage Commission to Receive NAPC's Commission Excellence Award for Commission of the Year

The City of Plano Heritage Commission will be honored on Sunday, August 9, 2020 with **Commission of the Year**, part of the Commission Excellence Awards, from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). These awards recognize and honor outstanding efforts and achievements by local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions and boards of architectural review.

Plano earned the Commission of the Year Award for their significant contributions to the city's Heritage Preservation Program. The commission's accomplishments include the development of Preservation Plano 150 (an update to the citywide preservation plan), their emergency response to natural disasters in 2019, updating the design standards for the Downtown Heritage District and the streamlining of their historic review process.

The City of Plano Heritage Commission will receive their award at NAPC's biennial conference, FORUM, the only national conference dedicated to the important work of volunteer commission members in locally-designated historic districts. Because of health and safety concerns, the conference, originally set to take place in Tacoma, Washington this summer, has been transformed into **FORUM 2020: Preservation Coast to Coast - at Home**, NAPC's very first online conference. The August 3-9 schedule will be filled with interactive educational sessions, roundtables, virtual tours, and opportunities to connect with fellow preservationists from across the country.

The award presentation will take place on Sunday, August 9th at 4 pm (EDT). For more information on FORUM 2020 and how to tune in, please visit <http://forum.napcommissions.org/>.

Founded in 1983, NAPC's mission is to build strong local preservation programs through education, advocacy, and training. For more information, visit <http://napcommissions.org/>.

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