



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: J. Brown, K. Castellanos, J. Sisson, J. Gamble, A. Hudson, C. McDoniel

ABSENT: S. Herrera

STAFF: S. Watson, T. Torres, M. Tinio, I. De Honor

Chair McDoniel called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2025 were approved as presented.

2025 – 2ND QUARTER REPORT ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITY

The 2025 2nd Quarter Report on Historic Preservation Activity was approved as presented.

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

Excuse the absence of Board Member Castellanos from the June 18, 2025 regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board

Motion by Board Member Brown and Seconded by Board Member Sisson, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Sisson, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel

NOES: NONE

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ABSTENTION: NONE



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PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING CASE PR-2025-001821 - TITLE 20 AMENDMENT

Proposal by the City of Riverside to amend Title 20 (Cultural Resources) of the Riverside Municipal Code and remove Section 20.30.030 (Historic Preservation Fund). Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report. There were no Public Comments. Following discussion it was moved by Board Member Brown and seconded by Board Member Gamble to recommend that the City Council: 1) Determine that Planning Case PR-2025-001821 is exempt from further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Sections 15308 (Actions to Protect Environment), 15060(c)(2) (No Physical Change), 15060(c)(3) (Not A Project), and 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as the proposed amendment will cause no direct or indirect change to the environment, does not meet the definition of a Project under CEQA, and it can be seen with certainty that the proposed amendment will not have an effect on the environment; 2) Approve Planning Case PR-2025-001821 (Title 20 Text Amendment) as outlined in the staff report and summarized in the Findings Section of this report; and 3) Introduce, and subsequently adopt, an Ordinance amending Title 20 (Cultural Resources) of the Riverside Municipal Code. Chair McDoniel advised of the appeal period. A City Council public hearing required for final approval.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Sisson, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Herrera

ABSTENTION: NONE

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Kim Foreman, Member of the Board of Ethics, presented the annual review of Code of Ethics and Conduct. There were no public comments. After discussion, the Cultural Heritage Board did not have recommendations for revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct.



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WORKSHOP

CHB WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL 2026 CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS

Mr. Watson presented a workshop to discuss the potential 2026 California Preservation Foundation Conference workshop submissions. After discussion, the Board suggested various workshop ideas including, improvements of the California State Historic Citrus Park, preservation of the Trujillo Adobe, significance of the Cultural Heritage Board in the City of Riverside, revitalization of the Santa Ana River, implementation of adaptive reuse, historic designations, emerging issues, history of the Mission Inn/ Mission Inn Ave, and a visit to The Cheech.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Maribeth Tinio, City Planner, informed the Board that the August 20, 2025 Cultural Heritage Board meeting will be cancelled.

Mr. Watson updated the Board on previously discussed items including the following: the 14th and Market coffee shop is still in process, the Market and 11th multi-family residential project have not submitted, the Arlington Sears project is moving forward with the commercial aspect and is close to submission, the Presbyterian Church permit was listed as ready to issue on June 2nd, there is not update with the AC Marriott, the Museum project groundbreaking was last Friday, and the Eastside Library and Cesar Chavez pending construction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. to the meeting of September 17, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

Approved as presented at the September 17, 2025 meeting.