



City of Arts & Innovation

## CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025, 3:30 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET

### REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT 2025 CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD WORK PLAN

Mr. Watson presented the draft 2025 Cultural Heritage Board workplan. The workplan was received and filed. Chair Gambe thanked Mr. Watson for the presentation.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING CASE DP-2024-01600 – Historic Designation – 2933 TWELFTH STREET, WARD 1  
Proposal by Riverside Housing Development Corporation on behalf of Orange Valley Masonic Lodge #13 to consider a Historic Designation request to designate Mercantile Hall – Orange Valley Masonic Lodge #13 as a City Landmark. Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report. Jennifer Mermilliod, Architectural Historian of JM Research & Consulting represented the applicant, expressing support of the designation and that they were available for any questions. There were 10 public comments in support of Planning Case DP-2024-01600. Following discussion it was moved by Board Member Ferguson and seconded by Board Member Hudson to 1) Determine that Planning Case DP-2024-01600 (Historic Designation) for the designation of the Mercantile Hall – Orange Valley Masonic Lodge #13 as a City Landmark is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Rule) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), as the proposal will have no significant effect on the environment, identifies the structure as a cultural resource, and preserves the historic character of a cultural resource; and 2) Approve Planning Case DP-2024-01600 (Historic Designation), based on the facts of findings, and designate the Mercantile Hall – Orange Valley Masonic Lodge #13 as a City Landmark. Chair Gamble advised of the appeal period.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Ferguson, Sisson, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Brown, Castellanos

ABSTENTION: NONE