



Community & Economic Development Department
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522 | Phone: (951) 826-5371 | RiversideCA.gov

Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: JUNE 15, 2022
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Case Number	Not Applicable
Request	To receive and file the update on the Citywide GIS and Historic Resource Database and Viewer conversion
Project Location	Citywide
Wards	All
Staff Planner	Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer 951-826-5507 swatson@riversideca.gov

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board receive an update on the GIS and Historic Resource Database and Viewer conversion.

BACKGROUND

On February 16, 2022, the City's Innovation and Technology (IT) Department provided an update to the Cultural Heritage Board on the Citywide Geographic Information System (GIS) upgrade and the conversion of the former Historic Resource Database and Viewer to the new GIS.

Psomas, a GIS consulting firm who previously worked on the Citywide GIS conversion, was contracted to assist with the database conversion. Psomas, in partnership with IT and Planning staff, will update the database, create a new web-based viewer, and rebuild standard reports. The new Historic Resource Database and Viewer will take approximately nine months to develop.

DISCUSSION

A project kickoff meeting was held on March 28, 2022 with City staff and Psomas. Subsequent projects meetings were held on April 19, 2022 and April 26, 2022. The meetings discussed the format and requirements for the proposed GIS web interface and the development of the internal data entry component of the project. The project is on track for completion within the proposed timeframe and the project team is meeting on a weekly basis.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item contributes to the Envision Riverside 2025 City Council Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being and specifically, Goal 2.3 - Strengthen neighborhood identities

and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide.

This item also aligns with the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. Community Trust: The Historic Resources Database and Viewer conversion will provide the general public user-friendly access to the City's historic resources inventory.
2. Equity: The Historic Resources Database and Viewer conversion will include Cultural Resources across the City and be accessible to the general public.
3. Fiscal Responsibility: The Historic Resources Database and Viewer conversion is being funded by residual funding allocated for the Citywide GIS conversion
4. Innovation: The Historic Resources Database and Viewer conversion will migrate existing historic resources data from an outdated system to current GIS technology.
5. Sustainability and Resiliency: The Historic Resources Database and Viewer conversion will be completed in a manner to allow timely updates as technology changes and community need change over time.

Prepared by: Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer
Reviewed by: David Murray, Principal Planner
Approved by: Mary Kopaskie-Brown, City Planner