



Historic Districts Update

Community & Economic Development Department

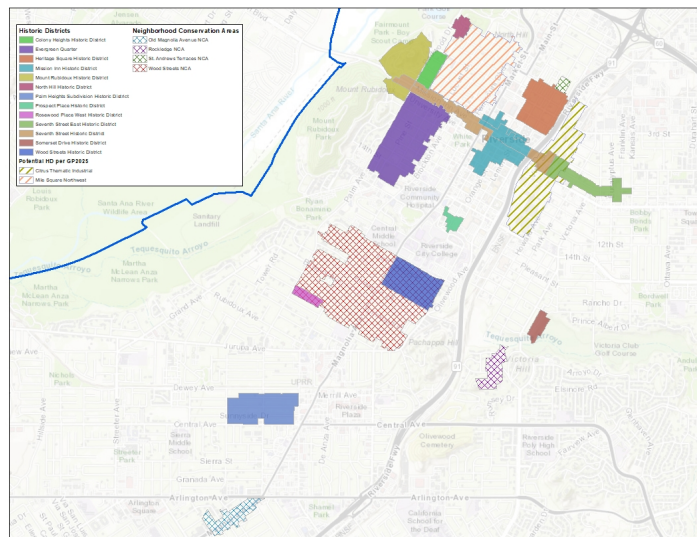
Cultural Heritage Board
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BACKGROUND

- 13 - Historic Districts
- 4 – NCAs
- 2 – Potential HDs (GP 2025)
- Other Historic Context Statements
 - Latino Context Statement - 2018
 - Japanese American Context Statement - 2012
 - Modernism - 2012
 - Modernism II - 2012
 - Five Points - 2008
 - Camp Anza - 2007
 - Northside - 2005
 - Palm Heights - 2004



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HISTORIC DISTRICT CRITERIA

Section 20.50.010(O) - Historic District means an area which contains:

1. A concentration, linkage, or continuity of cultural resources, where at least 50 percent of the structures or elements retain significant historic integrity, (a "geographic Historic District") or
2. A thematically-related grouping of cultural resources which contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan or physical development, and which have been designated or determined eligible for designation as a Historic District by the Historic Preservation Officer or Qualified Designee, Board, or City Council or is listed in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources, or is a California Historical Landmark or a California Point of Historical Interest (a "thematic Historic District").



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HISTORIC DISTRICT CRITERIA

In addition to either 1. or 2. above, the area also:

3. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history;
4. Is identified with persons or events significant in local, State, or national history;
5. Embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
6. Represents the work of notable builders, designers, or architects;
7. Embodies a collection of elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation;
8. Reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of park or community planning;
9. Conveys a sense of historic and architectural cohesiveness through its design, setting, materials, workmanship or association; or
10. Has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.



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DESIGNATION PROCESS

1. Designation process set forth in Resolution No. 18842 and Title 20
2. Board, City Council, or person(s) submit application with the Planning Division
3. Historic Context Statement prepared
4. Planning Division to notify property owners within an area
5. Establishment of a community or neighborhood advisory committee.
6. Identify and Survey for Contributors and Non-contributors
7. Define Boundary
8. Develop Design Guidelines
9. Hold Community Meeting(s)
10. CHB Review and recommendation
11. City Council final actions



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NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION AREAS

- Established in 1980 with initial adoption of Title 20
- Provided some level of protection to non-designated districts
- Criteria determined subjective and not conveying significance by Land Use Committee and City Council
- Program eliminated in 2010 by City Council – No new NCAs can be created
- Existing NCAs subject to Certificate of Appropriateness and Title 20 and eligible for Mills Act and Historic Preservation Fund
 - Old Magnolia Avenue NCA
 - Rockledge NCA
 - St. Andrews Terraces NCA
 - Wood Streets NCA



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STATUS OF DESIGNATION EFFORT

- No designation efforts currently underway
- Dependent upon funding and staffing resources
- Historic Preservation Staff carries many day-to-day responsibilities
- Grants and other funding resources regularly explored and sought
- As funding becomes available staff will seek guidance



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority No. 2 – Community Well Being

Goal No. 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.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Staff recommends the Cultural Heritage Board receive and file an update on the City's Historic Districts.



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