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CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: JUNE 15, 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

I. CASE NUMBER(S): P16-0344

II. PROJECT SUMMARY:

- 1) Proposal:** Proposed minor revisions to Municipal Code Title 20 to add the "Recognition" of "Points of Cultural Interest."
- 2) Location:** Citywide
- 3) Ward:** All
- 4) Applicant:** City of Riverside, Community & Economic Development Department
- 5) Case Planner:** Erin Gettis, City Historic Preservation Officer/Principal Planner
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III. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Cultural Heritage Board:

1. **RECOMMEND** that the City Council **DETERMINE** that Planning Case P16-0344 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Sections 15308, 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
2. **RECOMMEND** that the City Council **APPROVE** Planning Case P16-0344, thereby adopting an ordinance amending Title 20 based on the following findings:

FACTS FOR FINDINGS: (From Section 20.45.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code)

Any proposed amendment to Title 20 must first be sent to the Cultural Heritage Board for review and recommendation. In acting to approve an amendment to Title 20, the Cultural Heritage Board shall recommend that the City Council shall make the following findings:

FINDINGS: The proposed Amendment is generally consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan.

FACTS: The project complies with this finding. The proposed amendments will further the stated policies and objectives of the General Plan, including the following:

“Policy HP-1.5: The City shall promote neighborhood/city identity and the role of historic preservation in community enhancement.”

“Objective HP-2.0: To continue an active program to identify, interpret and designate the City's cultural resources.”

The recognition and identification of Points of Cultural Interests through signage, will help to promote city identity.

FINDINGS: The proposed Amendment will not adversely affect surrounding properties.

FACTS: The project complies with this finding. The proposed amendments will add “Recognition” criteria for “Points of Cultural Interest.” The purpose of this recognition is to identify sites within the city which have cultural or historic interest and no longer contain any extant cultural resources. This recognition will not affect the development on the recognized site or neighboring properties for the purposes of Title 20 or CEQA.

FINDINGS: The proposed Amendment complies with the purposes of this Title as set forth in Chapter 20.05.

FACTS: The project complies with this finding. The proposed amendments will further the stated purposes of Title 20 including the following:

“Section 20.05.010 Purpose.

A. To safeguard the City's heritage as embodied and reflected in such resources;

B. To encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past;

C. To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on the recognition and use of cultural resources;

D. To promote the enjoyment and use of cultural resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the City;...”

“G. To protect and enhance the City's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry;...”

“K. To implement the City's General Plan.”

The recognition and identification of Points of Cultural Interests will implement the City's General Plan by encouraging public knowledge, fostering civic pride and enjoyment of the City's culture, and enhancing the City's attraction to tourists and visitors.

IV. BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

As it is currently written, Title 20 has three categories in which to designate cultural resources – Landmark, Structure of Merit, and Historic District. Each of these categories require the “improvement or Natural Feature” to still exist or for the site to potentially yield information through archeology. Throughout the City of Riverside there are points of interest that are not associated with any historic structure. These are sites where the “improvement or Natural Feature” no longer exists or locations of cultural interest that were not associated with an improvement. Title 20 has no means to recognize these points of interest.

In 2014, members of the Young Oak Kim (YOK) Center at the University of California, Riverside approached CHB staff about designating the site of the Riverside’s Koreatown. None of the historic structures remain. Therefore, Title 20 provided no means to designate this site. Previous surveys, such as the Japanese American Heritage survey completed in 2012, have also identified locations of cultural interest which are not associated with any structures. It became apparent that Title 20 should be amended to provide a means to recognize these points of cultural interest for the benefit of Riverside’s Citizens, to better tell Riverside’s story.

As designated historical resources are viewed as part of the environment per CEQA and subject to review under the standards and guidelines, it is necessary for any recognition of points of interest to be differentiated from other designations under Title 20. The amendments to Title 20 proposed by staff add a “recognition” of “Points of Cultural Interest” which only identify locations rather than designate sites. By doing this, the site will not be defined as a “historical resource,” for the purposes of CEQA. Working with the City’s Marketing Team, staff has requested development of a sign that can be placed in the public right-of-way to identify these “Points of Cultural Interest.” This identification fits within Title 20’s purpose “To encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City’s past.”

V. PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS:

A public hearing notice for the Cultural Heritage Board was published in the Press Enterprise. As of this writing, no comments have been received.

VI. EXHIBITS:

1. Proposed Blackline Title 20
2. Proposed Ordinance