



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 26, 2016**

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **WARDS: ALL**
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PLANNING CASE P16-0344 - TITLE 20 CODE AMENDMENT FOR THE
RECOGNITION OF CITY POINTS OF CULTURAL INTEREST

ISSUE:

Introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance to make minor revisions to the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Title 20, adding a Recognition of City Points of Cultural Interest, including criteria and procedures for recognition.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Determine that Planning Case P16-0344 is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15308, 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3) and/or 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve Planning Case P16-0344 based on the facts for findings outlined in the attached Cultural Heritage Board staff report (Attachment 1 – CHB Staff Report); and
3. Introduce and subsequently adopt the Ordinance to make minor revisions to the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Title 20, adding a Recognition of City Points of Cultural Interest, including criteria and procedures for recognition.

STAFF/CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommended approval of Planning Case P16-0344 to the Cultural Heritage Board. On June 15, 2016 the CHB recommended approval of Planning Case P16-0344 by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes and 0 abstentions.

BACKGROUND:

As it is currently written, RMC 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 or archeological site. RMC Title 20 has no means to recognize these points of interest. This proposed code amendment fits within Title 20’s purpose

“To encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's past.”

For further background please refer to the June 15, 2016, Cultural Heritage Board staff report and draft minutes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund from these minor amendments to Municipal Code Title 20.

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Attachments:

1. Cultural Heritage Board Report – June 15, 2016
2. Cultural Heritage Board Minutes – June 15, 2016
3. Ordinance