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Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2021
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Case Number	Not Applicable
Request	To receive and file the update on the Citywide GIS and Historic Viewer conversion.
Project Location	Citywide
Wards	All
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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On March 17, 2021, 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 Viewer to the new GIS. IT staff agreed to return to CHB in approximately six months to provide an update.

The new Citywide GIS, known as City Viewer, was launched in January 2021. In March 2021, City Planning and IT Staff began meeting on a weekly basis to work on the conversion of the Historic Viewer from the existing Microsoft Access Database to a GIS based database. This allows the information from the Historic Viewer to be integrated into the City's GIS system.

Planning and IT Staff worked together to determine the best method of conversion. The conversion of some of the data posed challenges as some property addresses have changed over time. Planning staff is in the final stages of reviewing the data conversion to confirm the data information is associated with the correct property.

In September 2021, staff began working on the design of the Historic Viewer which will be integrated into the City Viewer allowing the data to be accessible to Staff and the public. The final Historic Viewer will take approximately six to twelve months to be developed.

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