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Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2021
(CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 20, 2021)
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3

DISCUSSION ITEM

Case Number	PR-2021-001145
Request	A workshop to discuss potential amendments to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code and provide feedback on staff recommended amendments (continued from September 15, 2021)
Project Location	Citywide
Wards	All
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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) workshop on the potential amendments to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code and provide feedback on the staff recommended amendments.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

A comprehensive update to Title 20 was last completed in 2010. Amendments included:

- Revisions to Landmark and Structure of Merit Criteria
- Addition of owner consent for designation
- Elimination NCA as a type of designation
- Expansion of Administrative Approval Authority for Certificates of Appropriateness
- Revisions to strengthen Enforcement and Penalties
- Clarification of CHB's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) authority
- Addition of Secretary of the Interior Standard's consistency to the Principle of Design Review

Since the comprehensive update, Title 20 was amended as follows:

- In 2013, the Historic Preservation Fund was added
- In 2014, language was added to clarify Historic Preservation Officer duties and the nomination of Historic Preservation Fund Committee members
- In 2016, Recognition of Points of Cultural Interest was added

In 2017, staff began identifying needed revisions and clarifications to Title 20, including Chapter 20.40 – Enforcement and Penalties related to penalties for projects completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness based on City Council direction. Staff has

completed the preliminary review of Title 20 and has prepared recommended amendments.

On August 18, 2021, Staff introduced the workshop discussion and provided clarifications. Board members discussed and commented on the proposed changes with staff recording the feedback. The CHB continued the workshop item to the September 15 meeting, with an anticipation that the discussion would continue at regularly scheduled CHB meetings, as needed, to complete the section-by-section review.

On September 15, 2021, to assist with the discussion of proposed changes to Title 20, staff requested the CHB members provide general comments of topics of concern that could be considered during the review of Staff proposed modification. The comments by CHB members cover topics such as the Historic Preservation Fund Committee, Historic Designation Process, Workshops, Principles for the review of Certificates of Appropriateness, and Enforcement and Penalties.

The workshop was continued to the October 20, 2021 CHB Meeting to continue a section-by-section review.

The attached outline summarizes the proposed changes to Title 20 (Exhibit 1). A redline and clean version on the proposed Title 20 update is provided for review (Exhibits 2 & 3). Staff has prepared a table to cross reference comments provided at the September 15, 2021 CHB Meeting with applicable Title 20 sections (Exhibit 4).

The Title 20 discussion was placed on the October 20, 2021 CHB agenda; however the item was not discussed because of time constraints. The Title 20 workshop was continued to the November 17, 2021 meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This item contributes to the Envision Riverside 2025 City Council Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-being (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) and Priority 5 – High Performing Government (Goal 5.3 - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making).

This item aligns with the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. Community Trust: The proposed Title 20 Update is being reviewed at public meetings held by the Cultural Heritage Board and the public is able to provide comments.
2. Equity: The proposed update to Title 20 will apply to all Cultural Resources across the City.
3. Fiscal Responsibility: The proposed updates to Title 20 are being led by City staff and will not result in any additional costs to the City.
4. Innovation: The proposed updates to Title 20 will respond to changing needs related to cultural resource protection that have been identified since the last comprehensive update.
5. Sustainability and Resiliency: Title 20 encourages the reuse of existing historic structures, thereby reducing waste and extending the life of existing resources.

EXHIBITS LIST

1. Outline of staff recommended revisions
2. Title 20 update Redline – Revised August 18, 2021- Including CHB Recommended Changes
3. Clean version of Title 20 update
4. September 15, 2021 CHB Comments table

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