



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD **DRAFT MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2025, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: J. Brown, K. Castellanos, D. Nelson, G. Ramirez, J. Sisson

ABSENT: A. Hudson, C. McDoniel

STAFF: S. Watson, T. Torres, B. Norton, I. De Honor

Vice-Chair Sisson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2025 were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The absence of Board Member Hudson was excused from the November 19, 2025 regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Board.

Motion by Board Member Castellanos and Seconded by Board Member Brown, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Nelson, Ramirez, Sisson

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Hudson, McDoniel

ABSTENTION: NONE

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

RIVERSIDE 2025 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN PROJECT

Matthew Taylor, Principal Planner, and Fortino Morales, Sustainability Manager, gave a presentation on the Riverside 2050 General Plan Update and Climate Action & Adaptation Plan Project. There were no public comments. During discussion, the Board



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members provided feedback such as, improving outreach to individuals in historic districts, engaging with other jurisdictions regarding regional issues, updating the historic preservation element to include newer regulations like AB-52, discussing state housing law impacts on historic preservation, and thinking forward about neighborhoods that may be historic in the future. After discussion, the Board received and filed the presentation and Vice-Chair Sisson thanked Mr. Taylor and Mr. Morales for their presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Brian Norton, Acting City Planner, briefed the board on upcoming agenda items including the Harada House project update, Fairmount Park Masterplan project update, and Women's Historic Context Statement update, as well as the Hayes Patty designation going to City Council.

Mr. Watson introduced Andrew Medrano as the new Assistant Planner for Historic Preservation. Mills Act applications are opening January 1st and there is an update in fees. Staff is planning to conduct a Workshop in February for Mills Act.

Board Member Brown requested an update on the Historic Preservation conference in January or February.

Vice-Chair Sisson welcomed Mr. Medrano

Mr. Medrano expressed his excitement for the role and looks forward to working with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. to the meeting of January 21, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.

Happy Holidays!