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Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: JANUARY 21, 2026
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 8

DISCUSSION ITEM

Case Numbers	Not Applicable
Request	To receive an update on the 2024 Workplan and discuss the draft 2025 Workplan for the Cultural Heritage Board.
Project Location	Citywide
Ward	All
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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board:

1. Review the 2025 Workplan outcomes; and,
2. Discuss and provide input on the draft 2026 Workplan.

DISCUSSION

The Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) was created in order to promote the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of the City's cultural resources, as defined by Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC). This purpose is implemented through the powers and duties of the board outlined in Section 20.10.020 of the RMC.

On March 10, 2025, the Land Use Committee approved the CHB's 2025 Workplan. The following summarizes the 2025 Workplan goals and results:

1. In accordance with Title 20, review of Certificate of Appropriateness applications for modifications to Cultural Resources within the City.

CHB Reviewed two Certificate of Appropriateness, expansion of the Pacific Grove Hospital on Brockton and demolition of the fire damaged structure at 4472 Orange Street.

2. In accordance with Title 20, review and provide recommendation to City Council on historic designation applications.

A total of three City Landmarks requests were reviewed and recommended for approval by CHB: the Boyd Residence, City Hall, and the Hays-Pattee Residence. Additionally, CHB reviewed and recommended approval of the request to modify

the Hawthorne House designation and reviewed the National Register nomination for the Trujillo Adobe.

3. Review of annual Certified Local Government (CLG) annual report prior to the submission to the State Office of Historic Preservation.

The CLG annual report was reviewed by CHB on February 19, 2025, and submitted to the State Office of Historic Preservation on March 24, 2025

4. Finalize and adopt Accessory Dwelling Unit Standards at Cultural Resources.

CHB adopted the City of Riverside ADU Design Standards for Historic Properties on February 19, 2025.

5. As part of a Certified Local Government grant, participate in the development of the Women of Riverside Historic Context Statement.

The first draft of the Women of Riverside Historic Context Statement was submitted to Staff in December 2025 and scheduled for an update to CHB on January 21, 2026. The project is scheduled to be completed in April 2026.

6. Receive presentations from community organizations, City Departments, outside agencies, and private entities regarding historic preservation efforts.

On December 17, 2025, CHB received a presentation from the Planning Division and Office of Sustainability on the 2050 General Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan Update. On January 21, 2026, CHB is scheduled to receive an update from the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department on the Fairmount Park Master Plan.

To assist CHB in meeting the objectives set forth by the City Council, a work plan has been developed to identify goals to be accomplished by CHB between March 2026 through February 2027. The Chair of the CHB is scheduled to present the draft 2025 workplan to the Land Use Committee on either February 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. or March 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The presentation will take place at the Art Pick Council Chambers

EXHIBITS LIST

1. 2025 CHB Workplan
2. Draft 2026 Workplan

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