



Historic Resources Board Staff Report

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Meeting Date: February 9, 2023

TITLE

Study Session: Historic Resources Inventory Update Kickoff and Discussion of Outreach Approaches

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the HRB receive an update regarding the Historic Inventory Update process and discuss outreach approaches.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to support a study session to enable discussion of the upcoming Historic Inventory Update process with staff and the City's consultant and provide input into the outreach approaches. The Inventory Update is to implement Policy L7.1.1 of the Comprehensive Plan, and is listed as a part of the HRB's Work Plan Goal 2 (excerpted below):

| PROJECT/GOAL 2: Support implementation of Comp Plan Policies. Continue to support Policy L7.2 implementation (prepare historic evaluations to determine eligibility for the California Register of Historical Resources and associated tracking). Launch implementation of Policy L7.1.1: March 21, 2022. Council directed staff to "work with the HRB to review the approximately 165 properties deemed eligible previously and make recommendations for listing on the City's local inventory in accordance with the process set forth in PAMC 16.49 and collaborate with the HRB for community engagement." | | | | |
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| BENEFICIAL IMPACTS | TIMELINE | RESOURCES NEEDED | MEASURE OF SUCCESS | STATE MANDATED / LOCAL LAW / COUNCIL-APPROVED |
| Continuing Policy L7.2 implementation allows the City to learn historic status of buildings prior to proposed demolitions. The impact of a Policy 7.1.1 launch is community engagement regarding values of preservation. Previously prepared forms will assist HRB, Council to consider nominations to our local inventory; listed properties gain access to existing preservation incentives. | Policy 7.2 is ongoing activity; property owners request historic evaluations. Policy L7.1.1 implementation will begin with outreach to owners of historic properties. Staff will begin following consultant contract execution (no deadline/no grant funding has been requested for this effort to date). | Policy L7.2: case by case evaluations funded by property owners. Policy L7.1.1: Qualified historic preservation consultant needed to ascertain whether previously eligible properties remain and retain integrity. Consultant assistance needed to help staff with outreach and reports to the HRB and Council. | Policy 7.2: City gradually finds properties previously unevaluated to be either ineligible or eligible for California Register. Policy 7.1.1: City makes strides toward listing properties on its local inventory and more owners have access to existing incentives for historic resources. | Certified Local Government activities - evaluate properties for historic status and nominate properties for listing on local inventory |
| PROJECT/GOAL 2: | | LOWER PRIORITY | | COUNCIL-DIRECTED POLICY UPDATE |
| High priority for the HRB to implement Comprehensive Plan policies related to historic resources | | These are not low priority goals and objectives | | N/A |

BACKGROUND

As noted in the HRB's Work Plan Goal 2, City Council on March 21, 2022, directed staff to "work with the HRB to review the approximately 165 properties deemed eligible previously and make recommendations for listing on the City's local inventory in accordance with the process set forth in PAMC 16.49 and collaborate with the HRB for community engagement."

Staff has retained a historic preservation consultant following a Request for Proposal process that began in 2022 and just concluded; a contract has been put in place for this project.

The HRB has expressed its interest in community engagement regarding the values of historic preservation. The 'kick-off' of this project includes community engagement and outreach to owners of properties previously found eligible for the National Register of Historical Places and California Register of Historical Resources. The early tasks include reviewing the list of homes found eligible for listing during the last survey (1998-2000) and more recently (since 2018) on a case-by-case basis. Staff intends for determinations to be made as to each building's existence and integrity prior to moving on to the next set of tasks.

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