



Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board February 26, 2024 Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 26, 2024, at **1:30 p.m.** the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a public hearing to be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Justice, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, Pacific Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be provided using the following options: (1) e-mail public comment in advance of the meeting; and/or (2) in-person public comment.

Option 1 – If you wish to make a comment on a specific item in advance of the meeting, please submit your comment for that item via email by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing to Dillan Murray, staff, via email at Dillan.Murray@Ventura.org. Please indicate the Agenda Item Number on which you are commenting in the Subject Line of your email. Your comment will be provided to the Cultural Heritage Board and placed into the item's record at the Cultural Heritage Board hearing.

Option 2 – If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on.

AGENDA

1. **1:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - 3a. Vote to approve the February 26, 2024 Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the February 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time is set aside for public comment on items not otherwise on this agenda which are within the purview of the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB). Speakers wishing to address the CHB shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments. The CHB is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6a. **Location:** Santa Paula Fire Station 29, 114 S 10th St., Santa Paula, CA 93060 (Supervisory District 3 – Long).

Action: Receive information on the Santa Paula Fire Station project and an overview of environmental review procedures from Public Works Agency and Planning Division staff.

6b. **Action:** Discuss and determine whether to form an ad hoc committee to develop a Preservation Award Program.

7. **REPORTS**

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 11, 2024.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**



Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

February 12, 2024 **Draft** Meeting Minutes

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Note: The following is a summary of actions taken by the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) at their public hearing and not a verbatim transcription.

1. **1:18 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**

2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

CHB Members Present:

Miguel Fernandez (Chair), Herbert Gooch, John Kulwicz, Mike Winters, Gary Blum, and Anthony Angelini

CHB Members Absent:

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Staff Present:

Dillan Murray, Associate Planner, Ventura County Planning Division
Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

3a. Vote to approve the February 12, 2024 Agenda

Board Member Gooch made a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 Agenda. Board Member Kulwicz seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3b. Vote to approve the January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Board Member Blum made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Board Member Winters seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6a. Action:** Review, provide comments, and direct staff to forward the County of Ventura Cultural Heritage Board Certified Local Government Annual Report for 2022–2023 to the California State Office of Historic Preservation.

Presentation by Staff: Dillan Murray, staff, presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the item background, discussion, CHB goals and priorities, and staff recommendations. Staff recommended the CHB take the following actions on this item:

1. **CONDUCT** public hearing, **RECEIVE** oral and written testimony, and **CONSIDER** the Planning Division Staff report and all exhibits and attachments hereto; and
2. Based on the preceding evidence and analysis, **REVIEW**, **PROVIDE** comments, and **DIRECT** staff to forward the County of Ventura Cultural Heritage Board Certified Local Government Annual Report for 2022–2023 to the California State Office of Historic Preservation.

Discussion and Deliberation:

Board Members reviewed the CLG report, focused on the CHB Priorities. Board Member Winters appreciated the inclusion of a new Preservation Award program in the CHB priorities list. Board Member Winters noted his view that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) list screening task should be elevated to a higher priority based on the previous consensus of CHB Members and that the CHB should be provided an opportunity to weigh in. Dillan Murray, staff, requested clarification on what is requested from Board Members regarding the CIP list screening task? Board Member Winters noted his view that the CHB could review and comment on projects highlighted by CHB staff as part of the CIP review each spring. Tricia Maier, staff, stated that, in order to help inform this future task, particularly as it relates to CIP items for County-owned sites located wholly within city limits, the CHB agenda item scheduled for February 26, 2024 will provide more information. This agenda item centers on a discussion regarding the environmental review process for CIP projects initiated by the Public Works Agency more broadly and with the Santa Paula fire station project specifically. Ms. Maier indicated that Planning Division staff could bring the list of identified sites to the CHB in the spring on an informational basis, but noted that many future CIP projects are never funded or may not be constructed for many years.

Board Member Gooch inquired about the web content task. Dillan Murray, staff, noted that developing new landmark web content would be an ideal intern project if the Planning Division were to receive an intern in the future.

Chair Fernandez appreciated that some brochures were translated to Spanish. Board Members noted their desire that additional brochures and handouts be translated into Spanish, particularly those distributed at the County Fair.

Board Member Angelini made a motion adopting staff's recommended actions. Board Member Winters seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. REPORTS

7a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Kulwicz reported on progress at the Santa Paula homeless shelter. Next, Board Member Kulwicz reported that the Santa Paula oil museum has been gifted to the city of Santa Paula and plans are underway for rehabilitation work.

Board Member Winters reported that he is working with the Moorpark historical society to revive the apricot festival in that city, planned to be held May 11th.

Board Member Blum reported that he has been helping coordinate between City of Oxnard staff and a potential buyer of the Bank of A Levy in downtown Oxnard on their plans to adaptively reuse the building. Next, Board Member Blum reported on the current building owner's success at treating graffiti on the building's terra cotta exterior.

Board Member Angelini reported on the recent success of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library's Auschwitz remembrance exhibit. Their next planned exhibit will be focused on Star Wars.

Other Board Members did not have anything to report.

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that Board Members are required to complete ethics training every two years and requested that certificates of completion be submitted to staff when completed. Next, Mr. Murray reported that the

Japanese cemetery rededication ceremony has been postponed to the fall. In addition, the Stagecoach Inn in Newbury Park is having an anniversary event this summer, and details will be shared when those are available.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting was reported to be February 26, 2024.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:57 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

Chair
Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray
Cultural Heritage Program Planner

Date