

Historic Preservation Element CPC Summary Sheet

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Element is to guide the preservation, protection, restoration, and rehabilitation of historical and cultural resources and maintain a sense of the City and to improve the quality of the built environment, encourage appreciation for the City's history and culture, maintain the character and identity of communities, and contribute to the City's economic vitality through historic preservation.

The October 2006 Draft General Plan includes the following policies related to historical resources:

- HP-A.1: Strengthen historic preservation planning.
- HP-A.2: Fully integrate the consideration of historical and cultural resources in the larger land use planning process.
- HP-A.3: Foster government-to-government relationships with the Kumeyaay/Diegueño tribes of San Diego.
- HP-A.4: Actively pursue a program to identify, document and evaluate the historical and cultural resources in the City of San Diego.
- HP-A.5: Designate and preserve significant historical and cultural resources for current and future generations.
- HP-B.1: Promote the maintenance, restoration and rehabilitation of historical resources through a variety of financial and development incentives. Continue to use existing programs and develop new approaches as needed. Encourage continued private ownership and utilization of historic structures through a variety of incentives.
- HP-B.2: Develop a historic preservation sponsorship program.
- HP-B.3: Foster greater public participation and education in historical and cultural resources.
- HP-B.4: Increase opportunities for cultural heritage tourism.

The full CPC reviewed the Historic Preservation section of the July 2005 Draft General Plan on January 24, 2006, which was included in the Conservation Element at that time. CPC recommended edits to the July 2005 Draft Historic Preservation section are reflected in the attached table. The table also indicates staff's responses to the recommended edits, and tracks where policies noted are found in the October 2006 Draft General Plan. On November 13, 2006, the CPC Subcommittee conducted a limited review of the Historic Preservation Element as included in the October 2006 Draft General Plan. The subcommittee proposed specific wording changes to refine various policies and had comments related to relocation of historic structures and a receiver site program. The CPC Subcommittee expected the full CPC to review this element.

<p>CPC Recommendations on Historic Preservation policies made at CPC Meeting of January 24, 2006.</p> <p>References refer to Section L of the July 2005 Draft General Plan Conservation Element (CE)</p>	<p>Staff Responses to CPC Recommendations</p> <p>References refer to October 2006 Draft General Plan Historic Preservation (HP) Element</p>
<p>Subsection L, “Historic and Cultural Resources,” Policy CE-L.1 (c) (p. CE-24) reads: “Encourage the consideration of historic and cultural resources early in the development review process.” The word “encourage” should be replaced with “<i>require</i>.”</p>	<p>Staff does not agree with using the term “require” in a policy document. This previous policy has been replaced with HP-A.2: Fully integrate the consideration of historical and cultural resources in the larger land use planning process. The concepts of early conflict resolution between the preservation of historical resources and alternative land uses and consideration of historical and cultural resources early in the development review process have been included in the policy.</p>
<p>Subsection L, Policy CE-L.1 (p. CE-24) - A new subpart “h.” should be added which states: “<i>In conformance with applicable community plans, encourage the creation of historic and conservation districts.</i>”</p>	<p>The discussion of historical districts has been expanded in Policy HP-A.5.b: establish historical districts where concentrations of buildings, structures, landscapes, and objects are identified. A discussion of conservation areas has been added to the Historic Preservation and Urban Design Elements in the October 2006 Final Draft General Plan. Specifically, HP-A.2.d: Pursue the use of identifying conservation areas at the community plan level, based on historical resources surveys, to maintain community character and provide a buffer area between designated historical districts and areas expected to redevelop at higher densities.</p>
<p>Subsection L, Policy CE-L.5 (p. CE-25). (Public Education) reads: “Encourage public attendance at monthly Historic Resources Board meetings.” The word “encourage” should be replaced with “<i>Create a policy to encourage</i>.”</p>	<p>Staff does not agree with the need to change “encourage” to “create a policy to encourage” since it is already stated as a policy in the element. Policy HP-B.3 was expanded to include increased notification of agenda items on the City's website</p>