

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Cultural Heritage Committee (CHC) promotes the preservation of architectural, archaeological, historical and cultural resources in San Luis Obispo by: a) helping the public pursue cultural resource preservation projects; b) sponsoring educational programs and research that improves our understanding of the community's history and archaeology; c) on request, commenting on the effects of public and private actions on community cultural resources; and d) helping with the administration of City-sponsored benefit programs.

FUNCTIONS

1. Collect, consolidate and make available information about historical resources and historical resource sites, and promote, participate in, or sponsor educational and interpretive programs.
2. Provide advice and guidance for the restoration, alteration, decoration, landscaping or maintenance of historical resources or properties within Historical Preservation Districts.
3. Review the Inventory of Historical Resources and recommend to the Council any amendments.
4. Assist property owners with the preparation of National Register applications for historical resource sites.
5. Help to administer benefit programs approved by the Council that are directed at preserving historical resources or resources within Historical Preservation Districts.
6. Publish and maintain Historical Preservation Program Guidelines which present, a) benefit programs sponsored by the City; b) procedures for adding properties to the Inventory of Historical Resources or for establishing a historical district; and c) other information concerning historical preservations.
7. Review actions proposed by public agencies and provide information on how such actions may affect designated or eligible properties within or adjacent to historical districts.
8. Cooperate with local, state and federal agencies in the pursuit of historical preservation.
9. Provide direction on the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on specific development proposals where possible impacts of development on historic resources are uncertain.
10. Function within the guidelines and policies of the Advisory Bodies Handbook and perform other duties as assigned by the Council.

STATUS

The CHC was established in 1981 as a technical committee and is staffed by a Planner from the Community Development Department. This committee became permanent in February 1987 when Council adopted Resolution No. 6158 (1987 Series) that establishes CHC functions and duties. (Bylaws amended by Resolution No. 9468 [2003 Series]). See also SLOMC Chapter 17.54, Ordinance No. 1086 (1987 Series) establishing Historical Preservation Districts, and Resolution No. 8002 (1992 Series) allowing members to reside outside the three Historical Preservation Districts.

MEMBERS

The CHC is a seven-member committee. Membership includes a person knowledgeable in local history, a person with training or experience in structural rehabilitation, a person with knowledge of architecture, and when possible, a person knowledgeable in local archaeology. The membership also includes a resident from each of the City's three Historical Preservation Districts, when possible.

TERMS/LIMITS

Members of the Committee serve a term of four years. Members are eligible for re-appointment for an additional four years. Members are subject to a term limit of eight years, or two consecutive four-year terms.

MEETINGS

Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall.