

2025 Historical and Landmarks Workplan

1. Ordinance Update: Incorporating HRI Neighborhoods

Objective: Revise the existing Historical Resources Inventory (HRI) ordinance to include entire neighborhoods of historical significance.

Actions:

- Conduct a comprehensive survey of neighborhoods with historical significance not yet on the HRI.
- Collaborate with community members and historians to identify key areas and structures.
- Propose updates to the ordinance with **Metrics such as 51% approval can lead to historic designation.** to recognize neighborhoods as historical zones, providing preservation and protection measures.
- Hold public hearings to gather community input on ordinance revisions and zoning implications.

Timeline:

Q1-Q2: Survey and community engagement

Q3: Drafting ordinance updates

Q4: Approval process and finalization

2. Maintenance of Existing HRI

Objective: Ensure the preservation and proper maintenance of sites and structures currently listed on the HRI.

Actions:

- Develop a system for regular inspections and assessments and reporting of HRI properties.
- Identify properties in need of repair or restoration and prioritize funding for these projects.
- Engage property owners to inform them of preservation responsibilities and offer guidance.
- Create partnerships with local contractors and preservation experts to provide services at reduced rates for historic properties.

Timeline:

Ongoing throughout the year with a bi-annual review of maintenance needs.

3. Grant Opportunities for Historical Preservation

Objective: Secure financial resources to support the maintenance and restoration of historical properties and landmarks.

Actions:

- Identify local, state, and federal grants for historical preservation, and create a resource list for property owners.

- Develop a streamlined process to help private owners of historical buildings apply for grants and incentives.
- Pursue large-scale grants for community-wide historical initiatives, including the Heritage Park project.

Timeline:

Q1-Q2: Research grant opportunities

Q2-Q3: Apply for applicable grants

Q4: Review and report on success and allocate funds

4. Education and Outreach

Objective: Raise public awareness about the historical and cultural importance of local landmarks and encourage community involvement.

Actions:

- Partner with local schools and organizations to create educational programs about local history.
- Host walking tours, lectures, and workshops on the importance of preserving historical landmarks.
- Develop online content and social media campaigns highlighting the stories behind historic neighborhoods and landmarks.
- Distribute educational materials to residents in HRI-designated areas about the importance of preserving their properties.

Timeline:

Ongoing, with quarterly educational events and continuous social media engagement.

5. Establishing a Heritage Park at Civic Center past to Present Silicon Valley

Objective: Create a designated Heritage Park in the Civic Center to celebrate the history and cultural legacy of the community.

Actions:

- Research the opportunity to name a portion of Civic Center as Heritage Park that includes interactive exhibits, memorials, and green spaces.
- Engage with local historians, architects, and community leaders to ensure the park reflects the city's historical and cultural heritage.
- Secure funding for the development of programs at the park through grants, donations, and public-private partnerships.
- Launch a public campaign to raise awareness and gather community input for the park's new function and programs

Timeline:

Q1: Initial planning and design consultation

Q2: Public input and fundraising efforts

Q3-Q4: Begin construction and development, pending approvals and funding

This plan outlines the steps needed to promote historical preservation while fostering community engagement and education. Let me know if you'd like to expand or adjust any details!