

Historic Resource Commission

Goals Action Items

June 9, 2025

- **This is a review of Goals and associated Action Items tasked at the Feb 10, 2025 meeting.**
- **For each Goal's Action Item, the Commission will review and determine the following:**
- **Has the Action Item been completed, documented as such and moved to archive status**
- **OR**
- **Is there more activity needed to complete the Action Item**
- **OR**
- **Should a new goal be identified**

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- **The agenda for this presentation is:**
 - **An annual review of all outstanding goals**
 - **(# 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, & 11)**

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- **Goal #1: Training Opportunities**
- **Goal Description: Identify training opportunities for HRC Board**
- **Action Items:**
 - **AI #1:** Staff made contact with SCZ City Preservation Council regarding shared training. No opportunities identified, but will stay available if a training opportunity occurs
 - **AI #2:** Staff will report if there are any appropriate joint training opportunities for the Commission and Planning Dept
 - **AI #3:** Staff will inform the Commission of any appropriate webinar training sessions from various Preservation organizations
- Commissioner Phillips requested asking knowledgeable speakers on Santa Cruz ethnic, cultural, and/or religious communities to provide broader training topics to the Commission be added to the next meeting agenda.
- **AI #1:** Staff suggested using CLG funds for obtaining educational training. Will report at June 9, 2025 mtg *carried over from Oct 7, 2024 meeting

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- **Goal #2: Cleanup of Historic Resources Inventory**
- **Goal Description:** Correct, update, and add information to ensure that Historic Resources Inventory is accurate and current
- Staff reported the following Inventory updating procedure:
- **Task #1:** Correct, update and add information to DPR forms to ensure that each Historic Resources Inventory is accurate and Current. Any changes be continued on “continuation sheet”. Include condition changes and new photos by address.
- **Action Items:**
- **AI #1:** Each Commissioner will conduct 3 site visits quarterly and document any changes, which will be forwarded to staff to review before next meeting.
- **AI #2:** Staff will update Inventory progress and report at next meeting
- * Action Items #1 & 2 will be on-going
- **AI #3:** Staff will send out a new list of DPR index for each Commissioner

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- **Goal 3A Goal: Demolition & Partial Demolition**
- **Goal Description.** Staff presented drafts of both updated ordinances at July 17, 2023 meeting. Commission discussed changes and agreed with new wording.
- Staff will update Commission at June 9, 2025 meeting
- **Action Item # 1a:**
 - Demolition Code Amendment will state:
'If structure not listed on the Historic Resources Inventory and is over 50 years old, it will require a demolition permit and a review by Planning Department staff. If structure meets the Historic Resources Inventory listing criteria, a California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) form will be completed'.
- **Action Item # 1b:**
 - Demolition Code Amendment will state:
'Allow additional uses for structures listed on the Historical Resources Inventory beyond those allowed in the zoned district where such a use can support viable uses for the property including repair and restoration'.
- **Action Item # 1C:**
 - County will provide additional language for Demolition

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- **Goal 3B Goal: Demolition By Neglect Activity**
- **Goal Description:** Track potential neglect of Inventory property for Demolition by Neglect activity
- **Action Item:**
- - Commission will discuss proposed parameters for ordinance preventing demolition by neglect.
AI #1: Staff will make report at June 9, 2025 meeting (Agenda Item #9.H)
- - Commission support by documenting condition of historic resources, documenting and photographing structures in poor condition

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- **Goal #5: Research of Mills Act Program**
- **Goal Description:** Research ways to implement Mills Act Program
- Ms. Sheri Thomas (Santa Cruz Co Assessor's office) gave presentation on how Mills Act will impact County tax collection and historic resource owners if implemented
- Ms. Thomas will make presentation to Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors with recommendation to implement Mills Act Program
- Staff will report on Mills Act presentation made to Board of Supervisors on May 20
(Agenda Item #9.C)

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- **Goal #6: Update and Maintain HRC Website**
- **Goal Description:** Update SC County HRC website current with information about HRC information, local history events, and resource preservation
- Santa Cruz County website update is completed.
- **AI #1:** What will be the pathway for Historic Resources data
- **AI #2:** Is a Website Subcommittee still needed? If so, what are its tasks?

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- **Goal #11: Research Applying for CLG Grants**
- **Goal Description:** Staff and Commission discuss various options to obtain grant funding to complete identified Commission goals
- Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Commission has been awarded a grant for \$40,000 from the California Preservation Foundation
- Grant is earmarked for updating a History Preservation consultant to update the Santa Cruz County context statement
- Staff will report on progress