



CITY OF SALINAS HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

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TITLE: HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE AND APPOINTMENT
OF HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Receive an Historic Resources Survey update and appoint a subcommittee of two members of the Historic Resources Board to review and provide comment on the initial Reconnaissance Survey findings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City's last comprehensive survey of historic resources was in 1989, with a review of downtown properties completed in 2016. On December 3, 2024, the City entered into an agreement with Page & Turnbull to complete a new city-wide Historic Resources Survey. Page & Turnbull will present a project update highlighting work completed on the initial Reconnaissance Survey. It is recommended that the Historic Resources Board select a subcommittee comprised of two Board members to review and provide comment on initial Reconnaissance Survey findings.

BACKGROUND:

A citywide Historic Resources Survey serves as a tool for identifying, recording, and evaluating cultural resources, including buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts. The Survey does not automatically result in newly designated historic resources or districts but rather identifies resources that are eligible for registration based on historic register criteria. Property owners may subsequently choose to go through the historic resource designation process at either the federal, state, or local level.

Gathering input from the community is an important step in completing the Historic Resource Survey. The City and Page & Turnbull held an open house on May 7, 2025, to introduce the project to the community and gather input on the City's historic resources. Thereafter, the City released an online public survey to collect the community's input on places and events that are significant to the history of Salinas. Information from the open house and online survey helped inform both the draft Historic Context Statement and the initial Reconnaissance Survey. Approximately 25 survey responses were received between the open house and the online survey.

Throughout the Spring and Summer of 2025, Page & Turnbull completed the first phases of the Historic Resource Survey, which included historic research, a windshield survey of the city, and an initial Reconnaissance Survey. The scope of work included reviewing previously identified historic resources and surveying areas of the city to identify historic districts and properties that should be included in the intensive-level survey that will be completed in the Fall of 2025.

Prior to beginning the intensive-level survey, it is recommended that the Historic Resources Board identify a subcommittee comprised of two Board members to assist staff and Page & Turnbull with reviewing the findings from the initial Reconnaissance Survey. This review would include consideration of whether the initially identified properties warrant further consideration during the intensive-level survey, and whether any properties are missing from the list that should be considered during the intensive-level survey. The subcommittee would also review Page & Turnbull's identification of recommended potential historic districts. The subcommittee would be expected to review and provide comments on draft materials and meet remotely, at least once, with City staff and Page & Turnbull. Recommendations from the subcommittee will be shared with the Historic Resource Board at a future meeting.

Work on the Historic Resources Survey will continue through 2025, culminating in the preparation of a final Survey in 2026. The City and Page & Turnbull will continue to seek community input on the Historic Resource Survey throughout the various stages of the Survey process, including the intensive-level survey and the draft Historic Resources Survey. The draft Survey will be reviewed by the Historic Resources Board before being considered for adoption by the City Council.