

Historic Landmarks Committee

2020 Annual Report

This is the Annual Report of the Historic Landmarks Committee to the City Council. The Committee provided input and approved this report at their regularly scheduled January 2021 meeting. Due to COVID-19, many of the 2020 HLC meetings were cancelled or postponed.

Committee Members: William Rich, Chair; Jill MacDonald, Vice Chair; Tim Keefe and Alexandra Stillman.

2020 Accomplishments:

1. Worked on City's updating the 2012 draft context statement language and began coordination efforts with local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
2. Chapman House was placed on local historic register and now has a recorded, executed Mills Act contract
3. Provided preliminary guidance on upcoming development project involving landmark property
4. Worked with community stakeholders to recommend finalized language for the following plaques on the Plaza:
 - Jacoby's Storehouse
 - Women's Temperance Fountain
5. Honored passing of past committee member Donald Tuttle, and welcomed new member Alexandra Stillman

2021 Goals:

1. **Coordinate further with local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers** to share information and better understand and honor Arcata's pre-settlement history, particularly in the Context Statement, but also in McKinley statue removal mitigation materials.
2. **Finalize the 2012 Context Statement** prepared by Suzanne Guerra and forward to PC/CC for approval and adoption.
3. **Finalize rapid assessment checklist** with the assistance of the HLC subcommittee and an HSU intern, and begin re-survey of Suzie Van Kirk 1979 survey. If possible, build on this by isolating additional areas of significance to begin community outreach.
4. **Create content for historic plaque/ signage** for McKinley Statue in coordination with local tribal representatives and the larger community. Work to ensure ongoing coordination with community members, landowners, and Tribes occurs to ensure plaques are created and installed in a manner supporting the community's interests.
5. **Revisit the National Register nomination** application for the Arcata Plaza in partnership with other relevant committees and commissions.
6. **Continue to explore partnerships** and programs to promote local history, as well as function as a resource for applicants when approaching development projects that have the potential to affect historic resources.