

DRAFT Historic Landmarks Committee

2021 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.

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

2021 Accomplishments:

1. Provided guidance on development projects involving landmark properties;
2. Worked with the Historic Sites Society of Arcata and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and the Wiyot Cultural Center Director to prepare information on various sites throughout the City for Historic Preservation Month;
3. Provided input on historic preservation in the content of the Gateway Area Plan;
4. Continued to work on the City Windshield survey and Historic Context Statement; and
5. Started dialogue of existing preservation incentives and ways to expand incentives to property owners.

2022 Goals:

1. Working with staff and the public to update the City's adopted Historical Preservation Element, and incorporate the findings of the City Context Statement and Citywide windshield survey.
2. Finalize the 2012 Context Statement prepared by Suzanne Guerra and forward to PC/CC for approval and adoption.
3. Finalize the first stage of the City windshield survey with the assistance of the HLC subcommittee and an HSU intern, to review and update the sites in Suzie Van Kirk's 1979 survey, with a focus on historic properties within the proposed Arcata Gateway Area.
4. Coordinate further with local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to share information to better understand and incorporate Tribal perspectives pertaining to Arcata's pre-settlement history.
5. Continue to explore partnerships and programs to promote local history with a goal of increasing a knowledge and appreciation of local history, and pride in local history.
6. Function as a resource for applicants when approaching development projects that have the potential to affect historic resources, and provide guidance on development projects involving landmark properties.
7. Plan and implement Historic Preservation Month Programming and Celebrations with a continued focus on collaborations with local tribal partners, including the Wiyot Cultural Center.