City of Santa Ana General Plan

Historic Resources Commission
Study Session

July 30, 2020
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT
IN THE SANTA ANA GENERAL PLAN

- Purpose and Elements of General Plan
- Organization of Draft General Plan Element
- Highlights of Draft Policies and Implementation Actions
- Discussion
PURPOSE & ELEMENTS
IN THE SANTA ANA GENERAL PLAN

Provides long-term policy direction to guide the physical development, quality of life, economic health, and sustainability of our Santa Ana community through 2045

- Land Use
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Safety
- Noise
- Mobility/Circulation *
- Housing *
- Urban Design
- Historic Preservation
- Economic Prosperity
- Public Services
- Community
- Environmental Justice *
**Timeline of Events**

**2015**
- **October**: PC & CC Work Program Overview
- **November**: Kick Off Meeting & 1-1 City Council member Meetings
- **December**: Community Meetings

**2016**
- **January - March**: Community Meetings
- **April - June**: CC 1-on-1 Interviews
- **April - September**: Youth Outreach
- **October**: CC Outreach Update
- **February - November**: Advisory Group (GPAG) Meetings

**2017**
- **February - November**: 14 General Plan
- **December**: Policy Framework

**2018**
- **February**: GPAG Recognition
- **June**: CC Status Update
- **July**: CC Study Session
- **August - September**: Pop-Up Events
- **March - May**: Land Use Online Survey
- **April**: Virtual Community Workshop
- **May**: Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- **June**: PC Study Session

**2019**
- **March**: EIR Scoping Meeting
- **July**: EJ presentation/video, HRC presentation
- **July - August**: 2 Virtual Community Workshop
- **Fall**: General Plan Adoption
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

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Document Organization:

- Community Considerations
- Policy Framework
- Implementation Actions
- Figures & Tables
- Related Items
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Document Organization:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The purpose of this Historic Preservation Element is to provide guidance in developing and implementing activities that ensure that identification, designation, and protection of architectural, historical, cultural, and archaeological resources are part of the City's planning, development, and permitting processes. Through general plan historic preservation policies and programs, Santa Ana's heritage and diversity will continue to be a source of community pride.
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Policy Framework:

- Goal and Policies
- Core Values Identified
An implementation plan is a coordinated series of actions the City desires to take in the future that are intended to advance, over the long term, the City’s Shared Vision, Core Values, and the General Plan goals and policies. An implementation plan is thus a follow-up measure for this element. Tackled as a whole, these programs represent the City’s best thinking today on what actions should be taken to make sure that The Plan’s aspirations are achieved.

Implementation is in large part contingent upon adequate funding. Many of these actions can be pursued through initiatives already underway. Other programs will require additional resources.

As such, the exact mix and timing of programs the City may pursue will in part be opportunity-driven, dependent on the availability of funding, staffing, and other necessary resources.

This element may be implemented by amendments to existing plans, ordinances, development standards and design guidelines, capital investments/programs and interagency/interjurisdictional coordination.

The following table identifies the implementation action, the responsible City agency, and targeted timeline for accomplishment.

[Note: Timeframe to be updated in future draft]

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<th>Implementation Action</th>
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<td>HP-1.1</td>
<td>Amend Specific Development No. 13 and Specific Development No. 40 zoning districts to streamline development processes, incorporate best practices, and make documents user-friendly.</td>
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<td>HP-1.2</td>
<td>Develop a process to identify and designate an historic neighborhood as a Historic District.</td>
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<td>HP-1.3</td>
<td>Restructure historic designation and listing, County of Orange preservation standards and administration processes to reflect industry standards and prioritize resources at risk of being lost.</td>
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<td>HP-1.4</td>
<td>Comprehensively update City’s Wide Design Guidelines to reflect current best practices for sections related to historic structures and Downtown Santa Ana.</td>
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<td>HP-1.5</td>
<td>Conduct survey of all City-owned historic resources to identify condition, maintenance and repair needs, and sources of funding for upgrades.</td>
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<td>HP-1.6</td>
<td>Seek funding to reinstate local one history program to capture Santa Ana’s historic and cultural narrative.</td>
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<td>HP-1.7</td>
<td>Seek funding and create incentives program for Downtown Santa Ana façade and sign improvement program.</td>
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<td>HP-1.8</td>
<td>Update the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance to provide more flexibility and options for the reuse of Historic buildings.</td>
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<td>HP-1.9</td>
<td>Expand public realm plans for all historic districts, which include landscaping, street, sidewalk, lighting, curb cut standards, and pedestrian amenities.</td>
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Figure: Historic Resources

Figure HP-1. Historic Resources - Citywide

Historic Resource Districts
1. French Park
2. Downtown
3. Honig Park (SD-40)

Historic Registry Category
- **Landmark**: The building, structure, object or site is on the National or California Register, appears eligible for listing on the National or California Register, has historical/cultural significance to the city, or has a unique architectural significance.
- **Key**: The building, structure, object or site has a distinctive architectural style and quality, is characteristic of a significant period in the history of the city, or is associated with a significant person or event in the city.
- **Contributive**: The building, structure, object or site contributes to the overall character and history of a neighborhood or district and is a good example of period architecture.

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Environmental Justice SB 1000

- Identifying disadvantaged, or Environmental Justice communities in Santa Ana
- Incorporating policies to reduce the environmental health impacts that adversely affect residents in disadvantaged communities
- Include EJ communities in decision-making processes
- Policies that prioritize improvements and projects in disadvantaged communities
Goal 1: Historic Areas & Resources
Preserve and enhance Santa Ana’s historic areas and resources to maintain a unique sense of place.

Policy 1.3 HISTORIC DISTRICTS & DESIGN STANDARDS  Explore opportunities to preserve neighborhoods with largely intact historic buildings and character through the creation of historic districts, identification of historically sensitive areas, or neighborhood context sensitive design standards.
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POTENTIAL ACTION HP-1.5
Update historic design standards for preserving historic setting and context, incorporating best practices related to landscape design, front yard fences, and other property features.
Goal 2: Cultural & Historic Resources
Promote the City’s cultural and historic resources to advance Santa Ana’s role in Southern California history

Policy 2.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL
Promote economic development through heritage education and the promotion of tourism
Goal 2: Cultural & Historic Resources
Promote the City’s cultural and historic resources to advance Santa Ana’s role in Southern California history

POTENTIAL ACTION HP-2.5
Create a citywide catalog of public art, including murals, sculptures, and utility box art for use in promoting awareness of Santa Ana’s rich historic and cultural resources
Goal 3: Historic Preservation
Develop, implement, and maintain a nationally recognized historic preservation program

Policy 3.1 HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY
Maintain a comprehensive program to inventory and preserve historic and cultural resources, including heritage landscape and trees
Goal 3: Historic Preservation
Develop, implement, and maintain a nationally recognized historic preservation program

POTENTIAL ACTION HP-3.2
Update and expand the citywide Historic Survey Program to identify potential historic resources for placement on local Register and those that are at-risk of losing historic value
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NEXT STEPS

• General Plan Virtual Community Workshop
  • Friday July 31, 2020  6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
  • Saturday, August 1, 2020  10 am to 12 pm

• Draft General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Released for 45 day review – Early August 2020

• Draft General Plan Element Released – Mid-August 2020

• City Council Study Session – August 18, 2020

• Planning Commission Study Session – August 24, 2020
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