



Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board September 23, 2024, Meeting Agenda

County of Ventura • Resource Management Agency

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 23, 2024, at **1:15 p.m.** the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) will convene for a public hearing to be held at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, Multi-Purpose Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments may be provided using the following options: (1) e-mail public comment in advance of the meeting; and/or (2) in-person public comment.

Option 1 – If you wish to make a comment on a specific item in advance of the meeting, please submit your comment for that item via email by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the hearing to Dillan Murray, staff, via email at Dillan.Murray@Ventura.org. Please indicate the Agenda Item Number on which you are commenting in the Subject Line of your email. Your comment will be provided to the Cultural Heritage Board and placed into the item's record at the Cultural Heritage Board hearing.

Option 2 – If you wish to make a comment in-person, you must be present at the meeting location and provide your comment prior to the close of the public comment period for the item you wish to speak on.

AGENDA

1. **1:15 P.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**
2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - 3a. Vote to approve the September 23, 2024, Agenda
 - 3b. Vote to approve the September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time is set aside for public comment on items not otherwise on this agenda which are within the purview of the Cultural Heritage Board. Speakers wishing to address the CHB shall be allowed a maximum of three minutes for their comments. The CHB is prohibited from taking action on any item that is not part of the printed and published agenda.

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6a. **Action:** Receive a presentation from Dr. José M. Alamillo, professor of Chicana/o Studies at California State University, Channel Islands, on the history of farmworker labor camps and farmworker movements in Ventura County. The presentation is the next part in the Cultural Heritage Board guest speaker series, *A Shared History: Diverse Voices Across Ventura County*.

7. **REPORTS**

7a. Board Member Reports

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 14, 2024.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**



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September 9, 2024, **Draft** Meeting Minutes

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Note: The following is a summary of actions taken by the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) at their public hearing and not a verbatim transcription.

1. **11:35 A.M. CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**

2. **ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

CHB Members Present:

Mike Winters (Chair), Tyson Cline, John Kulwicz, Gary Blum, Miguel Fernandez, and Herbert Gooch (arrived late)

CHB Members Absent:

Anthony Angelini

Staff Present:

Dillan Murray, Senior Planner, Ventura County Planning Division
Tricia Maier, Planning Programs Manager, Ventura County Planning Division
Dave Ward, Planning Director, Ventura County Planning Division

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Board Member Gooch arrived at the meeting at this time.

3a. Vote to approve the September 9, 2024, Agenda

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the September 9, 2024, Agenda. Board Member Blum seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3b. Vote to approve the August 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Board Member Fernandez made a motion to approve the August 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes with the following revision on page 4: “~~Chair~~ Board Member Fernandez assumed replacement trees could not be planted near those that required removal for this project.” Board Member Blum seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **CONTINUED ITEMS**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6a. **Action:** View the following two California Preservation Foundation training webinars in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act requirements for Certified Local Governments: *Building on History: A Summit for Housing Solutions, Preserving Place, Accommodating Change: New Housing in Historic Contexts* and *Down the Property Research Rabbit Hole with George Smart of USModernist.org*.

Presentation by Staff: Dillan Murray, staff, outlined the reason for the training and the source of the videos to be shown. The first webinar was titled *Building on History: A Summit for Housing Solutions, Preserving Place, Accommodating Change: New Housing in Historic Contexts* and was originally presented on May 29, 2024, at the Arizona State University, California Center in Los Angeles, CA. As the state grapples with finding solutions to the housing crisis, historic preservation is often a central concern, but can also be a key opportunity. This panel discussion will pull from a wide variety of experience and expertise to explore how to fit new housing into historic contexts. Questions to be explored include: With new state laws being enacted that allow for larger and denser buildings, what are the current best practices for establishing objective standards? Where can there be a compromise that allows historic neighborhoods to retain their character without reducing mandated housing density? How does the act of fitting into a neighborhood help everyone- municipalities, developers, current citizens, and future citizens?

Discussion and Deliberation: Following the webinar, Board Members discussed their impressions, the most critical issues presented, and the applicability of the subject to the local County context.

Presentation by Staff: Dillan Murray, staff, provided a brief summary of the next training.. The second webinar was titled *Down the Property Research Rabbit Hole with George Smart of USModernist.org*. USModernist is the largest open digital archive for Modernist homes in the world and it's become a repository for 4.3 million pages of architecture and design magazines documenting nearly all major buildings in the US built

environment. The Executive Director, George Smart HAIA, will share tips and techniques for researching Modernist properties. From public databases to mining USModernist's own archives, you'll learn and access useful and practical tools and resources, as well as understand the value of Modernist architecture.

Discussion and Deliberation: Following the webinar, Board Members discussed their impressions, the most critical issues presented, and the applicability of the subject within the local County context.

7. **REPORTS**

7a. Board Member Reports

Board Member Blum reported that he recently came across a historical photo of the First Church of Christ Scientist at its original 1902 location near D Street and Second Street. In 1906, it was moved to its second location near C Street and Sixth Street. It is currently located at Oxnard's Heritage Square.

No other Board Members had anything to report.

7b. CHB Program Updates from Staff

Dillan Murray, staff, reported that the next expected hearing will be held on September 23rd in the Multipurpose Room at 1:15pm, and will feature the next part in the guest speaker series.

Next, the Timber school (in Thousand Oaks) recently held its Centennial Celebration at the Stagecoach Inn. Local advocate, William Maple, reported that it was a fun and successful event, and an opportunity to show the Timber School property's developer a sense of the community's love for the school.

Additionally, the historic Somis School is holding its Centennial Celebration on Saturday, September 14th from 11am to 4pm at the school. The free event will include food trucks, free raffle items, and memorabilia.

In addition, the CHB was recently invited to an event to be hosted by the Ventura County Japanese American Citizens League. The League will have a Rededication Ceremony honoring the deceased at the Historic Japanese Cemetery on September 21 from 10am-11am for a graveside rededication

ceremony, and then a presentation and lunch from 11:30-1 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center Thousand Oaks Room, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard. This event, and the form to RSVP, was emailed out to Board Members.

Finally, Mr. Murray reported that after the last CHB meeting, he re-contacted some local libraries and heard that the Oxnard Library is, in fact, interested in receiving all physical County landmark files that have been digitized. The library recently revived their Local History Room, so the donation would come at a good time for them. The records would likely be transferred before the end of the year. He clarified that all digitized records will be made available to the public through an online repository under development by the Resource Management Agency. In response to an inquiry by a Board member, Mr. Murray reiterated that the Ventura County library system was not interested in receiving these physical records, nor was the Ventura County Museum.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled hearing will be held on September 23, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:39 p.m., the Cultural Heritage Board was adjourned.

Chair
Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

Dillan Murray
Cultural Heritage Program Planner

Date