



# Cultural Heritage Board

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**TO: CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD**                      **MEETING DATE: January 19, 2010**  
**FROM: HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**            **ITEM NO: 1**  
**WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: Preservation Fundamentals Item**

The strength of Riverside's Historic Preservation program is based on two successes, the quality of the survey program and the strength of its policy. These strengths in addition to qualified staff are the core of why Riverside was able to become a Certified Local Government (CLG). CLG status permits the City of Riverside to have a Programmatic Agreement with the State Office of Historic Preservation, allowing the processing of many applications impacting cultural resources locally without further State approval. As part of the CLG requirements and to maintain the status, Riverside's Cultural Heritage Board members are required to maintain a certain amount of expertise (two members) and for its entire membership to receive one days worth of training per year.

Today's training session is intended to partially fulfill this training, with more to follow, as well as to give the Cultural Heritage Board membership a background in Riverside's two successes: the survey program and the policy, or a portion of the policy - the Historic District Design Guidelines. With the Title 20 modifications adopted by City council and the final reading occurring last week, the reevaluation of the Guidelines will come to the Board in an upcoming workshop format.

Instead of beginning this process before the new members join the Cultural Heritage Board in March, CHB staff sought to create a background in Riverside's two strengths via the training today in advance of the workshops. As staff, our hope would be to provide a good base of fundamentals those members that are continuing on after March and hear feedback from those soon to be departing to better guide staff in CHB's upcoming workshop on the Design Guidelines.

This training will cover the background of Riverside's Survey program and go over the Surveys that have occurred in the last 10 years as a means of telling Riverside's story through historical context. This training will also cover the existing guidelines (see attached) and the Secretary of Interior standards (see CD), including Historic Preservation terminology. In short, this training will cover Preservation Fundamentals, utilizing the specifics of Riverside's survey program and the broad context of its history applied to Riverside's policy. Also included in this packet is "Rehab Riverside Right" a Riverside specific guiding document. These three documents will be utilized during the training.