Chapter 8 – Historic Cultural Resources

CHAPTER 8 OBJECTIVE

Objective HCR-1: Maintain a comprehensive, citywide preservation program to identify, protect and assist in the preservation of Fresno's historic and cultural resources.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

HCR-1-a: Certified Local Government

HCR-1-b: Preservation Office, Commission and Program

HCR-1-c: Historic Preservation Ordinance

Accomplishments:

- City of Fresno's 1979 Historic Preservation Ordinance, as amended, continues to be administered for the purpose of preserving, promoting, and improving the historic resources and districts of the City of Fresno for educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public
- Certified Local Government (CLG) Program continues to be administered for the identification and protection of historic, architectural, and archeological resources – in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
- Advisory Committee for Historic Maintenance Monitoring initiated in December 2018
  - This committee consists of City staff from different Divisions and Departments in addition to three Historic Preservation Commission members who meet quarterly to proactively monitor potential threats to Fresno's historic properties and to explore possible options to prevent them from harm. A watch list for vulnerable historic properties is maintained that includes status and actions needed
- Historic Preservation Database that includes all designated historic properties was created in 2018 and continues to be maintained. It was connected to the Accela program and FresGo application in 2019, and is accessible through an interactive map on the Historic Preservation web page
- Survey data continues to be made available on the Historic Preservation web page
- Historic Preservation Commission created a priority district list in 2018 and continues to reassess on an annual basis, in relation to the status of potential historic districts and historic resource surveys
- Approximately 200 Historic Reviews are completed on an annual basis.
  - These include reviews for permit applications pursuant to the 1979 Historic Preservation Ordinance, as amended, and the Historic and Cultural Resources Element of the General Plan as well as Section 106 reviews pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended

Policies Referenced

- HCR-1-a
- HCR-1-b
- HCR-1-c

Policies Not Referenced

CHAPTER 8 OBJECTIVE

Objective HCR-2: Identify and preserve Fresno's historic and cultural resources that reflect important cultural, social, economic, and architectural features so that residents will have a foundation upon which to measure and direct physical change.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

HCR-2-a: Identification and Designation of Historic Properties

HCR-2-b: Historic Surveys

HCR-2-c: Project Development

HCR-2-d: Native American Sites

HCR-2-e: Alternate Public Improvement Standards

HCR-2-f: Archaeological Resources

HCR-2-g: Demolition Review

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IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

HCR-2-h: Minimum Maintenance Standards

HCR-2-i: Preservation Mitigation Fund

HCR-2-j: Window Replacement

HCR-2-k: City Owned Resources:

HCR-2-l: City Historic Preservation Team

HCR-2-m: Local Register Listing

HCR-2-n: Property Database and Informational System

Accomplishments:

- City Council adopted two economic incentive programs to assist owners of qualified historic properties, the Mills Act Program in 2016 and the Historic Preservation Mitigation Program in 2018
  - Historic Preservation Mitigation Program - this program is a reimbursement grant program for projects that contribute to the historic character of qualified historic properties. It is available to all historic properties within city limits. Six grant awards have been processed since the adoption of the program
  - Mills Act Program adopted - this program is a property tax abatement program for qualified historic properties that enter into 10-year contracts with work plans for rehabilitation and maintenance. It is available to all designated historic properties within city limits *except* Heritage Properties. Potential reductions in property tax vary for each property. Contracts for 22 properties have been recorded with the Fresno County Recorder since the adoption of the program
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- City Council approved resolutions designating 21 properties to the Local Register of Historic Resources
- City Council approved resolution designating one Local Historic District
  - The Huntington Boulevard Historic District, which includes 84 properties - 80 of these properties are contributors to the district
- Reports made through the FresGo application within designated historic properties are being monitored

Policies Referenced

- HCR-2-a
- HCR-2-b
- HCR-2-c
- HCR-2-d
- HCR-2-g
- HCR-2-h
- HCR-2-I
- HCR-2-j
- HCR-2-k
- HCR-2-l
- HCR-2-m
- HCR-2-n

Policies Not Referenced

- HCR-2-e
- HCR-2-f

CHAPTER 8 OBJECTIVE

Objective HCR-3: Promote a "New City Beautiful" ethos by linking historic preservation, public art, and planning principles for Complete Neighborhoods with green building and technology.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

HCR-3-a: Adaptive Reuse

HCR-3-b: Public Art

HCR-3-c: Context Sensitive Design

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- City collaborated with Fresno Arts Museum on a NEA Grant that placed public art on Mariposa Plaza
- 2019 Exhibition "Coiled and Twined" showing FAMs CA Native American Basket Collection. FAM brought basket makers from local tribes to a one day workshop where they helped us identify our baskets by date, maker, and tribe

Policies Referenced

- HCR-3-a
- HCR-3-b
- RC-3-c

Policies Not Referenced

CHAPTER 8 OBJECTIVE

Objective HCR-4: Foster an appreciation of Fresno's history and cultural resources.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

HCR-4-a: Inter-Agency Collaboration

HCR-4-b: Heritage Tourism and Public Education

HCR-4-c: Training and Consultation

HCR-4-d: Public Archives

HCR-4-e: Preservation Awards

HCR-4-f: Economic Incentives

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- Survey data continues to be made available on the Historic Preservation web page
- National Historic Preservation Month is promoted in May of each year
- Fresno Arts Museum works with the Fresno Arts Council when applicable

Policies Referenced

- HCR-4-a
- HCR-4-b
- HCR-4-c
- HCR-4-d
- HCR-4-e

Policies Not Referenced

Chapter 9 – Noise and Safety

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-1: Protect the citizens of the City from the harmful and annoying effects of exposure to excessive noise.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-1-a: Desirable and Generally Acceptable Exterior Noise Environment

NS-1-b: Conditionally Acceptable Exterior Noise Exposure Range

NS-1-c: Generally Unacceptable Exterior Noise Exposure Range

NS-1-d: Allowable Exterior Noise Environment for BRT and Activity Centers

NS-1-e: Update Noise Ordinance

NS-1-f: Performance Standards

NS-1-g: Noise mitigation measures

NS-1-h: Interior Noise Level Requirement

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-1: Protect the citizens of the City from the harmful and annoying effects of exposure to excessive noise.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-1-i: Mitigation by New Development

NS-1-j: Significance Threshold

NS-1-k: Proposal Review

NS-1-l: Enforcement

NS-1-m: Transportation Related Noise Impacts

NS-1-n: Best Available Technology

NS-1-o: Sound Wall Guidelines

NS-1-p: Airport Noise Compatibility

Accomplishments:

- New Development Code, which includes noise study requirements and standards based on use, proximity to residential zoning, and transition standards for Mixed-Use development (2015)
- Fresno Municipal Code updated to be in line with state standards - all Building Permits required to meets current building code requirements
- All entitlements are routed to the appropriate parties and relevant agencies
- Excluding residential and noise sensitive uses along BRT corridors happens during the land use approval process. No specific role or action required by FAX.

Policies Referenced

- NS-1-a
- NS-1-b
- NS-1-c
- NS-1-d
- NS-1-e
- NS-1-f
- NS-1-g
- NS-1-h
- NS-1-i
- NS-1-j
- NS-1-k
- NS-1-l
- NS-1-m
- NS-1-n
- NS-1-o
- NS-1-p

Policies Not Referenced

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-2: Minimize risks of property damage and personal injury posed by geologic and seismic risks.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-2-a: Seismic Protection

NS-2-b: Soil Analysis Requirement

NS-2-c: Landfill Areas

NS-2-d: Bluff Preservation Overlay Zone

Accomplishments:

- Fresno Municipal Code updated to be in line with state standards - all Building Permits required to meets current building code requirements
- All entitlements are routed to the appropriate parties and relevant agencies
- Citywide Zoning Map Update (2016) – Including Bluff Protection Overlay District

Policies Referenced

- RC-2-a
- RC-2-c
- RC-2-d

Policies Not Referenced

- RC-2-b

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-3: Minimize the risks to property, life, and the environment due to flooding and stormwater runoff hazards.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-3-a: Stormwater Drainage and Flood Control Master Plan

NS-3-b: Curb and Gutter Installation

NS-3-c: Dual Use Facilities

NS-3-d: Landscaped Buffer

NS-3-e: Pollutants

NS-3-f: Flooding Emergency Response Plans

NS-3-g: Essential Facilities Siting Outside of Floodplains

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-3: Minimize the risks to property, life, and the environment due to flooding and stormwater runoff hazards.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-3-h: Runoff Controls

NS-3-i: New Development Must Mitigate Impact

NS-3-j: National Flood Insurance Program

NS-3-k: 100-Year Floodplain Policy

NS-3-l: 200-Year Floodplain Protection

NS-3-m: Flood Risk Public Awareness

NS-3-n: Precipitation Changes

Accomplishments:

- The District basins lie within the newly formed North Kings GSA, and the District is an active participant in its regional planning. To date, the District has identified dual use basins that can potentially be utilized for SGMA purposes.
- The District has implemented a basin sediment monitoring and management program called the Standard Operating Procedures for Monitoring Maintenance, and Disposal of Stormwater Basin Sediment (SOP) to protect public health, groundwater quality, and the environment.
- The District adopted the Post Development Standards Technical Manual as part of the Regional Water Board NPDES, MS4 Permit which regulates stormwater and non-stormwater discharges for areas that drain to the Water of the United States located within the City of Fresno.
- Adoption of a new Stormwater Quality Management Program (SWQMP) is anticipated by 2022.
- DPW coordinates with FMFCD in the review of existing and new stormwater conveyance systems consistent with projected precipitation patterns.

Policies Referenced

- NS-3-a
- NS-3-b
- NS-3-c
- NS-3-d
- NS-3-e
- NS-3-f
- NS-3-g
- NS-3-h
- NS-3-i
- NS-3-j
- NS-3-k
- NS-3-l
- NS-3-m
- NS-3-n

Policies Not Referenced

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-4: Minimize the risk of loss of life, injury, serious illness, and damage to property resulting from the use, transport, treatment, and disposal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-4-a: Processing and Storage

NS-4-b: Coordination

NS-4-c: Soil and Groundwater Contamination Reports

NS-4-d: Site Identification

NS-4-e: Compliance with County Program

NS-4-f: Hazardous Materials Facilities

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-4: Minimize the risk of loss of life, injury, serious illness, and damage to property resulting from the use, transport, treatment, and disposal of hazardous materials and hazardous wastes.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-4-g: Hazmat Response

NS-4-h: Household Collection

NS-4-i: Public Information

Accomplishments:

- The City works with Fresno County Department of Public Health to ensure appropriate hazard and emergency plans are developed and maintained
- The City works with the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Substances Control to identify soil and groundwater contamination
- The City coordinates with Fresno County Health Department, SWRCB and DTSC in the identification and mapping of waste disposal sites
- The City coordinates with the County to ensure appropriate submittal and compliance with Hazardous Materials Business Plans
- The City incorporates the Fresno County's Hazardous Materials Incident Response Plan elements into the City's EOC
- Fresno Municipal Code updated to be in line with state standards - all Building Permits required to meets current building code requirements
- All entitlements are routed to the appropriate parties and relevant agencies – includes ongoing coordination with the County
- DPU continues to work with AB939 MOU partners to educate the community. The new County HHW Facility will be constructed in SW Fresno by Spring of 2022
- DPU Solid Waste Management Division along with the City's Commercial Franchise Haulers implement annual educational and outreach programs to inform the public on hazardous materials and proper disposal

Policies Referenced

- RC-4-a
- RC-4-b
- RC-4-c
- RC-4-d
- RC-4-e
- RC-4-f
- RC-4-g
- RC-4-h
- RC-4-i

Policies Not Referenced

CHAPTER 9 OBJECTIVE

Objective NS-5: Protect the safety, health, and welfare of persons and property on the ground and in aircraft by minimizing exposure to airport-related hazards.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-5-a: Land Use and Height

NS-5-b: Airport Safety Hazards

NS-5-c: Aviation Easements

NS-5-d: Disclosure

NS-5-e: Planned Expansion

Accomplishments:

- The Fresno County ALUC adopted updated Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP) on December 3, 2019 for all three airports within the City of Fresno. The updated ALUCP's address noise and safety and includes land use restrictions to maintain aviation safety in the proximity of airports. The City of Fresno approved a Text Amendment that eliminated the previously City of Fresno adopted ALUCP's and referenced the ALUC adopted ALUCP's as taking precedence in all applicable specific plans.
  - The Fresno County ALUC adopted ALUCP's addresses safety zones, location, height and noise.
  - FAA Part 77 compliance is incorporated into the adopted Fresno County ALUC ALUCP's.
  - The Fresno County ALUC adopted ALUCP's addresses these safety hazards as does the FAA Part 77 process.
  - The Fresno County ALUC adopted ALUCP's addresses the use of aviation easements to ensure unimpeded operation of the publically owned airports.
  - The Fresno County adopted ALUCP's address land uses associated with the three airports within the City of Fresno and replaced the previously adopted City of Fresno ALUCP's.
- The State of California requires this disclosure as part of the residential acquisition process
- Development Code Text Amendment adopted August 15, 2019 to clarify priority of plans and confirm that Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, adopted in December of 2018, takes priority over all other plans.

Policies Referenced

- NS-5-a
- NS-5-b
- NS-5-c
- NS-5-d
- NS-5-e

Policies Not Referenced

Accomplishments:

- The State of California requires this disclosure as part of the residential acquisition process.
- FAT and FCH conduct Airport Master Plan updates in accordance with FAA guidance. The master plan update process identifies how each airport will expand to address the short, mid and long term aviation needs of Central California. Specific expansion projects are planned, studied and evaluated through both CEQA and NEPA, as applicable, to ensure that adverse environmental impacts associated with these facilities, if any, are minimized.
- FAT and FCH conduct Airport Master Plan updates in accordance with FAA guidance. Most recently, a FAT master plan update was completed in 2019 and a FCH master plan update is underway with a planned completion in Spring 2021.
- The City of Fresno Airports Department provides guidance to all jurisdictions, owners, developers and other entities who desire to develop land within both public airports spheres of influence.

Policies Referenced

- NS-5-a
- NS-5-b
- NS-5-c
- NS-5-d
- NS-5-e

Policies Not Referenced

Objective NS-6: Foster an efficient and coordinated response to emergencies and natural disasters.

IMPLEMENTING POLICIES

NS-6-a: County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

NS-6-b: Disaster Response Coordination

NS-6-c: Emergency Operations Plan

NS-6-d: Evacuation Planning

NS-6-e: Critical Use Facilities

NS-6-f: Emergency Vehicle Access

NS-6-g: Emergency Preparedness Public Awareness Programs

Accomplishments:

- The City portion of the Fresno County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed and delivered to the State - via County OES- for approval
- The Emergency Operations Plan needs to be reviewed and updated (add Pandemic response) - the COOPs need to be finished/ updated and formatted to match the EOP
- Critical facilities need to review and update their needs to stay operational during emergencies
  - Power shut off and fuel delivery should be a priority
  - City should create a list of priorities based on the needs of departments.
- With the limited staffing of the EPO Office, there is little interaction with critical infrastructure stakeholders
- All entitlements are routed to the appropriate parties and relevant agencies including Fire
- FAX participates in the City's Emergency Operations Plan and related planning efforts, including evacuation planning, with a special emphasis on addressing accessibility and addressing the needs of disadvantaged populations

Policies Referenced

- NS-6-a
- NS-6-b
- NS-6-c
- NS-6-d
- NS-6-f
- NS-6-g

Policies Not Referenced

- NS-6-e