

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 24, 2025

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION COMMITTEE 2025/2026
WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Work Plan for the Cultural Resources Preservation Committee.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On March 26, 2025, the Cultural Resources Preservation Committee (CRPC) met and set up priorities and objectives for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year based off a survey of priorities submitted by the CRPC members. A staff report with details on the priorities and objectives identified by the CRPC can be found attached to this report. The five (5) priority items are summarized in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – FY 2025-26 CRPC Work Plan

Priority	Description	Cost	Time/Process
City wide survey	Conduct community workshops and education of Phase 1 of the Historic Context Statement and Survey and begin Phase 2	Estimate: \$100,000	<u>Time:</u> 6-9 months <u>Next Steps:</u> Phase 1 is currently being completed; Phase 2 is anticipated to begin next fiscal year
Update the website	Update CRPC webpage on City website with updated and accurate information.	City staff time	<u>Time:</u> 3-6 months <u>Next Steps:</u> City staff will work with Public Affairs to update and refresh website
Education	Establish onboarding resources for new CRPC members. Provide educational resources for CRPC members, residents, and visitors such as handouts, booklets, and informational workshops.	Estimate: \$3,000	<u>Time:</u> Ongoing <u>Next Steps:</u> Staff will seek educational resources to provide to CRPC and identify options for public education (booklets/pamphlets)
Modernism Week	Encourage the City to have an active role in Modernism week in collaboration with the Palm Desert Historical Society	City staff time	<u>Time:</u> 12 months <u>Next steps:</u> Reach out to event coordinators to discuss options
CLG Designation	Begin the process of an application to the California State Office of Historic Preservation office for a Certified Local Government designation.	Estimate: Included in City wide survey Phase 2 (\$100,000)	<u>Time:</u> 9-12 months <u>Next Steps:</u> Wait for city wide survey to conclude then City staff will work on submittal of application

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

Strategic Plan:

Implementation of the work plan will support Priority 1 of the Palm Desert Strategic Plan by assessing the current cultural landscape of the City.

CRPC Recommendation:

The CRPC at its regular meeting of March 26, 2024 recommended the City Council approve of the work plan as presented in Table 1 of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Costs identified in the work plan have been included in the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget within the Development Services Department budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

March 26, 2025, CRPC staff report