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Meeting Information:

Meeting Date:	February 14, 2005
Organization Name:	Landmarks Commission
Name of Contact	
Person (phone #):	Roxanne Tanemori, 458-8341
Location:	City Council Chambers
Duration of Meeting:	45 minutes
Number of Participants:	15
STF2025 Staff	
Representation:	Liz Bar-El, AICP, Associate Planner
City Council and/or Planning Commission	Kevin McKeown
Members Present:	

General Comments:

Following a brief staff presentation, Landmark Commissioner John Berley presented ideas that were developed by the Landmarks Commission sub-committee on the Land Use Element. The Commission voted to adopt the sub-committee's statement and forward it to be included in the upcoming report to the Planning Commission and Council. Following is the Landmarks Commission's statement:

The Historic Preservation Element

As stated in the introduction to the Historic Preservation Element, "The purpose of this Historic Preservation Element is to establish a long range vision for the protection of historic resources in the City of Santa Monica and to provide implementation strategies to achieve that vision."

The Historic Preservation Element identifies numerous aspects of the city's historic character that have evolved as a result of the city's growth and development and are found in unique concentrations within various neighborhoods or sections of the city.

The Historic Preservation Element (HPE) contains 6 defined Goals and related Objectives of the HPE and strategies for their implementation. Of the Goals and Objectives, Goal 6 most directly relates to the Land Use Element.

Goal 6:

Integrate historic preservation into the community and economic development strategies.

Objectives:

1. Use historic preservation as a basis for neighborhood improvements and community development.
2. Coordinate historic preservation and housing policies.
3. Promote historic places.
4. Incorporate historic preservation goals into City economic development plans.



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5. Review the potential use and strategies for the rehabilitation of City-owned historic properties.

Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee to the Commission.

Since the Land Use Element “envisions a Santa Monica where the historic character or fabric, valued by the residents, is retained,” the following recommendations should be considered by the Commission:

1. One principle of the Land Use Element is to protect that which is unique and valued in the City. Historic Preservation should be a specific objective of the Land Use Element and should be reiterated throughout the document.
2. The Land Use Element should emphasize the character defining, distinctive signature elements of various neighborhoods or sections of the city as expressed in the HPE and other historic surveys and resource assessments. The Land Use Element should recognize such specific character defining features as **elements of value** within the city’s neighborhoods.
3. The Land Use Element should identify areas of particular concern within the city regarding degradation of identified character defining features, potential historic resources and historic fabric. The Land Use Element should reflect the **established Goals and Objectives** of the HPE, which were created to prevent any future loss of the city’s historic fabric.
4. The city’s **urban design objectives** as defined in the Land Use Element should require compatibility with the preservation of neighborhood historic character as defined in the HPE as well as an emphasis on preserving or enhancing unique aspects of neighborhood character such as scale, density and architectural features that are identified in the HPE, neighborhood historic surveys or other assessments.
5. The Land Use Element should require there be **consistent policies** within the city’s governing agencies and departments (i.e. planning policy and the zoning ordinance) to reflect compatibility with, and the retention of valued character defining features. Additionally, the Land Use Element should promote informed decisions by the city’s governing agencies, departments, commissions and boards, requiring that guidance be taken in the decision-making process from the HPE. The Land Use Element should require that city policies be structured to prevent the loss of valued character defining features within the city due to such factors as (but not limited to) lack of proper oversight, inadequate project development review, or changes in city policy over time.
6. The Land Use Element should emphasize the use its **Supply Forecast** (which identifies land that has greater potential become available for redevelopment) to help guide future growth or redevelopment in commune with the identified historic fabric of the city. A stated goal of the Land Use Element should be to encourage re-use of buildings that contribute to the historic fabric of a neighborhood. The Land Use Element should emphasize adaptive re-use through economic incentives and development policy.



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Follow – Up Issues:

Other individual commissioners' comments will be forwarded to the Landmarks Commission liaison or directly to the Shape the Future 2025 team.

Note: More information about the City's Landmarks program is available at:
<http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/historicpreserve.html>