

CITY OF VISALIA

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Goals 2025 – 2026

[Goals to be reviewed on an annual basis.]

GOALS	TIMEFRAME
1. <u>Survey</u>	
a. Survey properties that are within the Historic District, but not on the Local Register.	Completed
b. Identify sites outside of the Historic District for possible Local Register designation.	August 2025
c. Identify local landmark sites for possible Local Register designation.	August 2025
d. Identify sites for nomination to California/National historic registers	2026
e. Establish a recognition system/list for historic signage (Visalia Tea Garden neon sign, etc.).	January 2026
f. Completion of the Historic District Survey Project.	2025
2. <u>Homeowners Incentives and Resources</u>	
a. Re-establish plaque and awards programs.	September 2025
b. Research incentives and grants for property owners, including the funding of award plaques.	September 2025
c. Investigate/apply for the Certified Local Government program.	December 2026
d. Draft designs guidelines for historic buildings, windows, fencing, and signage.	December 2025
e. Create a workbook resource for use by property owners for the restoration of historic structures.	December 2025
f. Create a resource, repair, and terminology guide for use by property owners and occupants of historic structures.	December 2025
g. Develop residential design guidelines for the development of new residential structures in the Historic District.	December 2026

3. <u>Technology</u>	
a. Develop a searchable/interactive historic database for staff and public use. Database can be updated with surveys, photos, architectural information, Historic District/Local Register designations (Timing/Staff availability information required from City Staff). The database should be compatible with mobile phones.	Begin January 2026
b. Optimize City GIS websites for phones.	To be determined
4. <u>Marketing and Community Outreach</u>	
a. Reach out to the Tulare County Association of Realtors to inform brokers of the HPAC. To be conducted on an annual basis.	September 2025
b. Set up HPAC information booths at public events (ex. Visalia Home Show).	September 2025
c. Network with other community groups (Downtown Visalians, Visit Visalia, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Soroptimist International, Kiwanis International, Visalia Heritage, etc.).	Ongoing
d. Explore the creation of a public awareness event, to coincide with the celebration of Historic Preservation Month (Month of May).	May 2026
5. <u>Miscellaneous</u>	
a. Investigate the possibility of establishing a Heritage Tree Program for the recognition of trees of significance.	Begin December 2025