



CITY of CALABASAS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT
JUNE 2, 2021

TO: Members of the Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Tom Bartlett, AICP, City Planner

SUBJECT: Overview of Architectural Styles – Training Module 2

RECOMMENDATION: Participate in Historic Preservation Commission Training Module #2, as Required for Certified Local Governments

BACKGROUND:

As was explained during the March 30 Commission meeting, a Certified Local Government is obligated under Federal and California law to train and educate historic preservation commission members and staff on matters relating to historic preservation. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic rendered traditional means of training very difficult. On March 30 of this year the Commission convened to address several items of business (refer to the March 30, 2021 meeting minutes), one of which was the first of several training modules staff is preparing and delivering to commission members over the course of the year.

Using Power-Point, the Historic Preservation Officer presented the first training module to the Commission members during the remotely conducted meeting (via Zoom). The module focused on the historic preservation field generally, including the basic organizational framework (federal, state, and local components), the purpose and responsibilities of a local historic preservation commission as a certified local government, and the applicable laws and guidelines pertaining to historic preservation activities carried out by local governments.

Like the first module, at this meeting staff will present the second training module to the Commission members using Power-Point. The training will focus on architectural styles – a brief overview of principal architectural styles found in the United States, particularly in California; and the distinctive characteristics of each style. Where applicable, staff will note some local examples as part of the presentation and discussion.

In conjunction with the training session, and for Commission members' on-going reference purposes, staff is preparing a ***Summary Guide to Calabasas Architectural Styles***. This written document will be distributed to Commission members in advance of the meeting, via e-mail.