

City of Calabasas Historic Preservation Commission

Discussion Item:

**Update on Commemoration of the Old
Oak Tree in Old Town Calabasas**

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Background

At the May 17th HPC meeting, Commissioners expressed interest in the possibility of installing three interpretive panels to commemorate the old oak tree in Old Town Calabasas.

Staff looked into the process for designing and installing the panels, including consultation with the Malibu Creek Docents regarding recently installed panels at Malibu Creek State Park.



Most Likely Location

Background

- Staff has been in contact with the California State Office of Historic Preservation to inquire about the possibility of recognizing the tree under the California Points of Historic Interest program
- To be eligible for designation as a CA Point of Historical Interest, a resource must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - The first, last, only, or most significant of its type with the local geographic region;
 - Associated with an individual or group having a profound influence on the history of the local area;
 - A prototype of, or an outstanding example of, a period, style, or architectural movement or construction



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Reagan Ranch Interpretive Panel at MCSP

- Staff met with Sasan Sheibani, President of the Malibu Creek Docents, on-site at Reagan Ranch to inquire about their interpretive panels.
- Mr. Sheibani provided information on the company that produced the panel, Pannier. The cost for one 24" x 48" panel was \$592.
- Mr. Sheibani also explained that another State Park docent had designed the Malibu Creek State Park Panels (no cost), and he suggested the docent may also be able to do panel design work for the City.



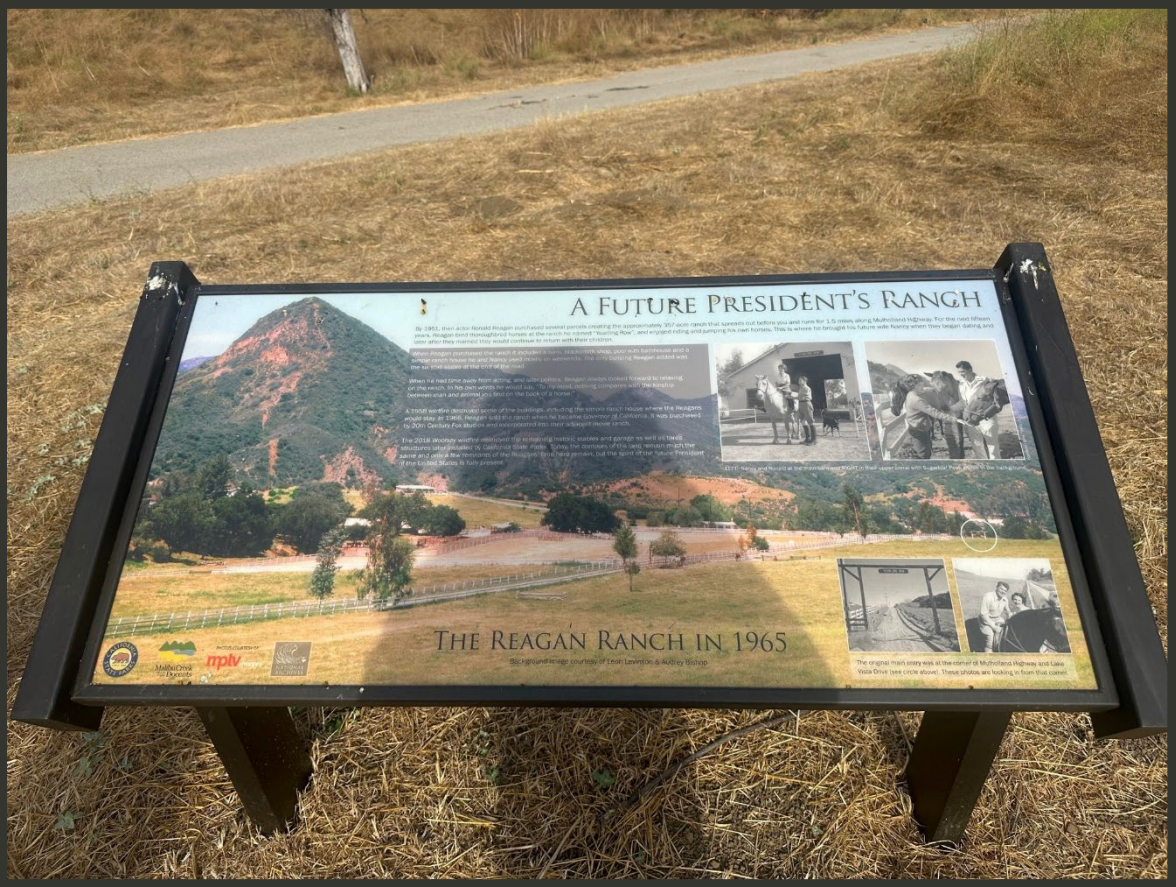
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Pannier Design Options

- Pannier offers a variety of panel design styles, bases, and finishes
- All panels are coated with a gel laminate for preservation and longevity

Frame Colors

Flexibility is not just limited to our selection of frame and base styles. We also offer a variety of colors and finishes to ensure we create the perfect fit for any application. Contact Pannier to discuss custom color options or choose from our standard palette of NPS colors below.



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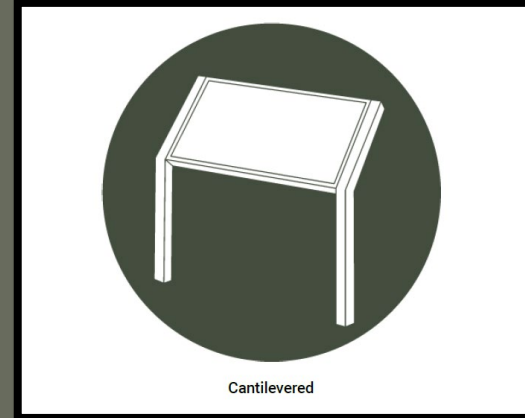
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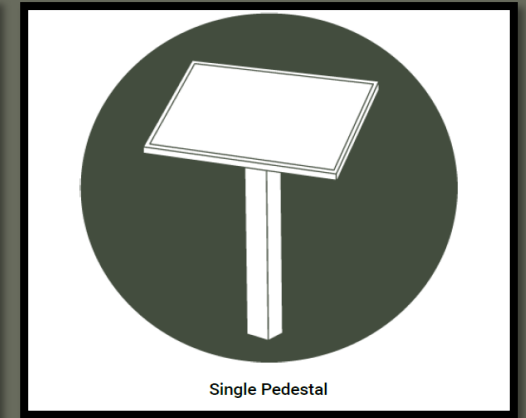
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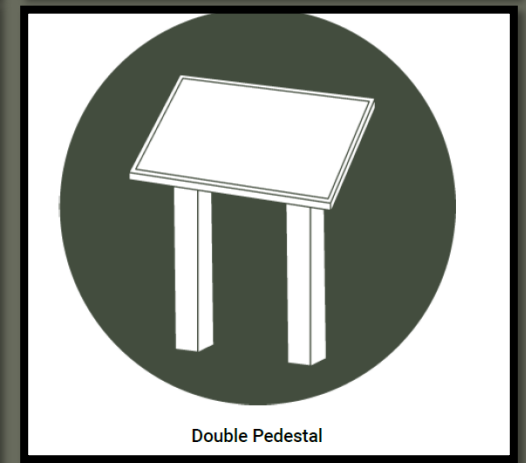
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Single Pedestal



Traditional T



Double Pedestal

Chumash Consultation

In addition to the Reagan Ranch informative panel, MCSP is now working on a Chumash interpretive panel.

- Barbara Tejada with CA State Parks is working with elders from two local tribes to solicit input. (The City of Calabasas is located along a tribal boundary, so both tribes must be consulted.)
- For the Historic Preservation Commission's conceptual effort, Mr. Sheibani recommended that it is best to have a clearer "vision" for the panel before engaging the tribal leaders.
- Ms. Tejada offered to provide the City with the appropriate tribal contact information.



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Next Steps

Depending on feedback and recommendations from the Commission, Staff is prepared to contact the Leonis Adobe Foundation (property owner) to discuss ideas for recognizing the old oak tree and to inquire about the Foundation's level of support.

If the owner expresses interest and support, Staff will carry forward to the Community Development Department Director and the City Manager the information conveyed in the staff report, input and suggestions from the HPC, and any other pertinent information for further direction.



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