

Training Local Governments

California Preservation Conference
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Background - Ontario

- HP Commission Disbanded
- Duties given to Planning Commission
- Staff Liaison Quit
- New commissioners, new staff.

- How do you get trained?
- Learned as we went.



Background - Calabasas

- Brand new commission – program created January 2008.
- Staff new to preservation
- We couldn't send everyone to workshops and conferences



Training

- CLG requires that each staff member and Commissioner must attend 1 training session a year.
- In years past there were many opportunities
 - CPF
 - OHP
 - California League of Cities



Recent Challenges

- Local budget cuts restrict travel & training
- OHP budget cuts restricts travel to provide training
- Fewer options to meet requirements.



Calabasas Training Program

- 10 Subjects over 5 meetings
- Topics included:
 - Historic Contexts and Surveys
 - Coordination with OHP
 - The Mills Act
 - Cultural Landscapes
- Some topics covered by staff, some by outside people.



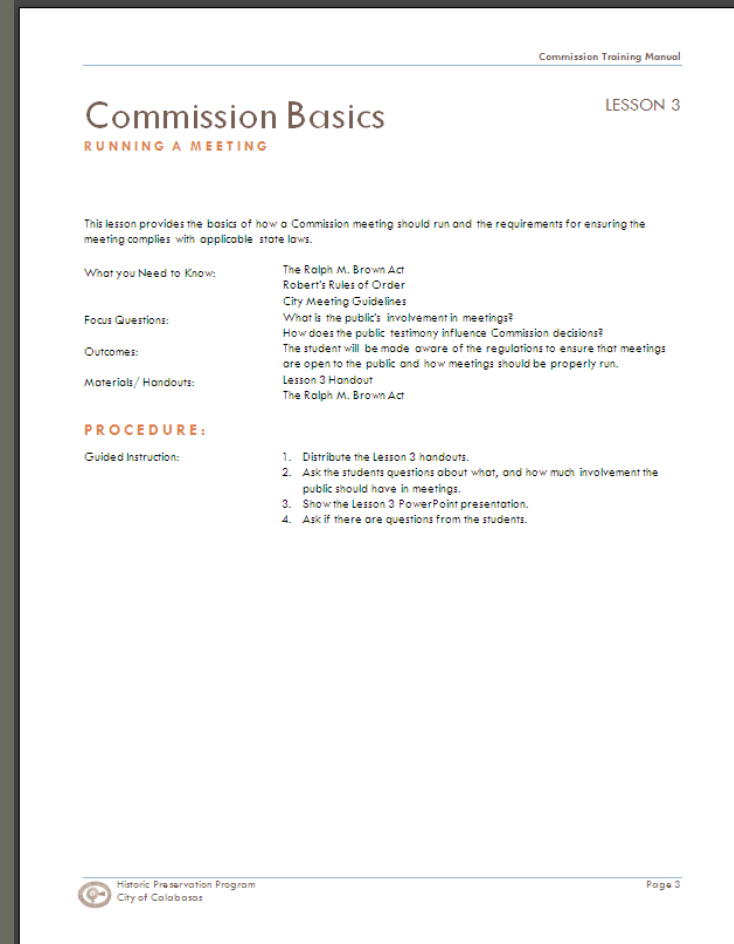
Training Options

- In-house experts
 - City Attorney
 - HP Staff
- Consultants
 - Architects
 - Historians
 - Archaeologists



Preservation Training Manual

- Train the Trainer.
- Divide up into 19 lessons in 4 categories.
 - Commission Basics
 - Preservation Basics
 - Design Basics
 - Preservation Incentives
- Written as a curriculum.



Topics

- Commission Basics

- Lesson 1: The Commission
- Lesson 2: The Staff
- Lesson 3: Running a Meeting
- Lesson 4: Preservation & the Law
- Lesson 5: Office of Historic Preservation

- Preservation Basics

- Lesson 6: History of Preservation
- Lesson 7: Preservation Plan
- Lesson 8: Historic Contexts
- Lesson 9: Historic Resource Surveys
- Lesson 10: Designating Historic Properties
- Lesson 11: Cultural Landscapes
- Lesson 12: Archaeological Resources



Topics

- Design Basics

- Lesson 13: Design Review Process
- Lesson 14: Secretary of the Interiors Standards
- Lesson 15: Architecture
- Lesson 16: Green Buildings

- Preservation Incentives

- Lesson 17: Local Incentives
- Lesson 18: The Mills Act
- Lesson 19: Rehabilitation Tax Credits



Preservation Training Manual

- Includes:
 - Lesson plans
 - PowerPoint presentations on each topic.
 - Handouts.
 - Copies of relevant laws, etc.

What is a Historical Resources Survey?

- Systematic process for
 - ▣ Gathering information about a community's historical resources.
 - ▣ Identifying and
 - ▣ Evaluating the quantity and quality of historical resources for land-use planning purposes.

RUNNING A MEETING

Lesson 3 Commission Basics

Timing

- Complete - end of summer
- Available - October 1, 2010



Any Questions?

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