**Central Shops historic district plans and Design Standards**

**Project Description**

As part of the Environmental Impact Report for the Railyards Specific Plan, the developer of the Railyards, Downtown Railyard Ventures (DRV), is required to prepare the Historic District Plan (HDP) for the designated City Historic District, the Central Shops. Architectural Resources Group (ARG) have been retained by DRV to prepare the HDP for the Central Shops.

**The Central Shops Historic District Plans and Design Guidelines**

The Historic District Plans will be comprised of one comprehensive document with individual chapters for each of the Historic Districts. Historic District Plans will include:

* Introduction
* Physical Description & Boundaries
* Brief Historic Context
* Significance
* Character-Defining Features
* District Map
* District-Specific Standards & Criteria
* Appendices

**How the Historic District Plans and Design Guidelines will Benefit the City**

Development and implementation of the Central Shops Historic District Plan will bring greater clarity for staff and project proponents about what kind of development is compatible within each historic district. The current city process relies on a broad set of criteria known as *The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Those guidelines do not provide specifics on site planning, or on compatible infill design within historic settings, nor do they provide design guidance or standards unique to the Central Shops Historic District.

**Public Outreach**

Feedback will be considered on an on-going basis during the draft document stage. A series of public meetings and hearings will be held to allow public input throughout the planning process. Individual meetings will be scheduled with groups on an as-needed basis to allow for one-on-one dialogue with city staff.

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**Contributing Resources**

The Car Machine Shop

The Planning Mill

Privy

Car Shop No. 3

Blacksmith Shop

Paint Shop

Erecting Shop

Boiler Shop

Site Features

Turntable