



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, January 26, 2015**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Mark Beason (Vice Chair), Richard Rifkin, Gale Sosnick

Commissioners Absent: Karen Clementi, William Allen Lowry, Scott Miltenberger

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Eric Lee

1. Call to Order. Chairperson Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Beason moved, seconded by Commissioner Sosnick, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Beason, to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2014. The motion was suspended due to lack of quorum, including Hattie Weber Museum Director Dennis Dingemans indicating that Item 8A motion was missing reference to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

4. Public Communications.

None

5. Written Communications

Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communications.

6. Museum Report

Dennis Dingemans presented the Hattie Weber Museum report. He reported that Hattie Weber Museum Director Emeritus Jim Beckett passed away last Thursday morning (January 22, 2015). He also reported that the museum's new exhibit is on ethnic minorities in Davis schools from 1932 through 1966. He added facts, such as 20% of ethnic minorities were class presidents during this period.

7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Rifkin updated the Commission on the status of the 1140 Los Robles (Werner-Hamel House) Landmark sign. He also shared John Lofland and Bob Bowen's efforts and the ongoing discussion regarding the first Davis bike lane relative to 1967 articles about West 8th

Street and 3rd Street. Chairperson Herbert added that the focus of the commemoration on the ordinance, if the streets are named, should indicate all streets involved in the movement that established bike lanes.

8. Business Items

A. Citywide Historical Resources Survey Project Update – Consultant Kara Brunzell of Brunzell Historical has prepared, which was emailed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Chairperson Herbert turned over the discussion to Mrs. Brunzell. She re-stated briefly the content of the letter and asked for questions. Specifically, she reported that heavy survey work had been done, possibly between 70 to 80 percent. She reported that she focused on research in December 2014. Since this month, she has been working on Contextual Statements, data organization, and a few field surveys. She expressed the processes she envisioned to take to complete the project, and mostly gave credit to volunteers for the success thus far. Chairperson Herbert expressed how impressed he has been with the work done thus far, and appreciation to the work Mrs. Brunzell and volunteers have done. There were questions and answers between Mrs. Brunzell and Commissioners. Staff liaison Njoku reminded all volunteers to remember to log their hours. The Commission thanked Mrs. Brunzell for the update, and asked her to keep up the good work.

B. 2013-2014 CLG Annual Report.

Chairperson Herbert introduced the item. Staff Liaison Njoku explained that the report had been submitted to OHP and this step is to conclude the process. He indicated that comments were received already from OHP, and the main area of concern is the Commission's goals that appear outdated. Chairperson Herbert and the Commission directed staff liaison Njoku to email Commissioners a reminder to be prepared to discuss the new goals at the next meeting on February 23, 2015.

9. Public Meeting.

209 2nd Street Historical Resources Analysis Report (Barovetto Home and Tank House, Merit Resource) properties.

Chairperson Herbert opened the public meeting. Planner Eric Lee introduced the historical resources analysis report prepared for the subject property by *Historic Resource Associates*. Chairperson Herbert stated that the details of the report and report is fine, however, the findings and conclusion challenges Public Resources Code Section 5044.1. He read into the record applicable subsections of the Public Resource Code, and indicated that for this reason, he was not prepared to accept the report. Commissioners Beason and Rifkin expressed similar concerns, and asked for clarifying questions. Planners Lee and Njoku answered Commissioners questions. The project applicant Michael Corbett generally described his proposed project. Mr. Corbett added that he would appreciate the opportunity for staff to inquire of the City Attorney whether there some merit to the content of the historical resources analysis report relative to the concerns of the Commission that the already designated Merit Resources are not subject to CEQA and ineligible for listing in the California Register. Commissioner Sosnick stated that the buildings should not be considered historic because the property was too valuable. Chairperson Herbert stated that the HRA report should be corrected to reflect the concerns raised by the Commission regarding CEQA and listing in the California Register of Historic Places (CRHP). The Commissioners, therefore, directed staff to inquire of the OHP whether the HRA findings regarding CEQA and listing in the California Register are appropriate and acceptable. The Commission also asked staff to honor the applicant's request,

and have the City Attorney provide opinion on the two areas. Finally, the Commission directed that the concerns expressed be addressed and that the HRA report be brought back on February 23, 2015, meeting for action.

10. Adjournment. The next meeting will be **Monday, February 23, 2015** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 pm.

Action: **Commissioner Sosnick moved, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.