



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, May 18, 2015**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Scott Miltenberger, Richard Rifkin, William Allen Lowry, Karen Clementi, David Hickman, Jonathon Howard (Alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Mark Beason (Vice Chair)

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Catherine McCort

- 1. Call to Order. Chairperson Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**
- 2. Swearing in of New Commissioners Ceremony**
Chairperson Herbert swore in Commissioner Hickman, who then introduced himself.
- 3. Approval of Agenda.**
Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, to approve the agenda as edited (consisting of typo correction). The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.**
Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the minutes of March 16th as edited (consisting of typo corrections). The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Hickman abstaining.
- 5. Public Communications.**
None
- 6. Written Communications**
Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communications.
- 7. Museum Report**
Dennis Dingemans presented the Hattie Weber Museum Report. He shared with the Commission a recently donated advertisement for the Oeste Subdivision. He updated the Commission on the museum's fund raising efforts for the WPA building renovation.
- 8. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments**
Commissioner Rifkin reported that he has reached out to but not yet heard back from the Tree Commission. He added that he is not making this project a priority at the moment, and is instead focusing on the Landmark and bike path signs.

Commission Rifkin also told the Commission that the City installed a historical marker at the 3rd and B Streets near Bicycling Hall of Fame to commemorate the 1967 creation of the first bike lanes.

Commissioner Howard arrived at 7:15 and was sworn in by Chairperson Herbert.

9. Public Meeting.

A. 302/304 G Street Historical Resources Analysis (HRA) Determination, and Design Review #13-15 to Allow Exterior Alterations of the building that involves addition of three glass windows and awnings, new entries, and remodeling the existing entrance.

Staff Liaison Njoku presented the staff report, and summarized the proposed project.

Ty Smalley, the architect of the project, described the reasoning behind the proposed changes and stated that he agreed with City staff presentation and recommendations.

Chairperson Herbert disclosed that he had received a preliminary draft of the historical resources analysis report to review and had suggested adding the historical information provided by the McNaughton family.

The Commission asked questions of staff and of the project architect and provided advisory input on the proposed alterations.

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, to affirm that the historical resources report (HRA) prepared for the property at 302/304 G Street is adequate and acceptable, including its findings and conclusion that the building at 302 G Street is not eligible for the local, state, or federal register of historical places and that the proposed changes or development at 302 and 304 G Street will not have any adverse impact to adjacent historical resources. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Business Items

A. Historical Consultant Kara Brunzell update on the historical resources survey project

Mrs. Brunzell provided an update as to the progress of the citywide historical resources survey project, reporting that about 1.5 square miles of the survey area have completed DPRs to-date. She also reported that the context statement is now about a 50 page document, and is now with Amanda Blosser at the Office of Historic Preservation. The Commission asked questions of Mrs. Brunzell and provided additional information.

B. Subcommittee's Update Report on Conservation Overlay District Relative to the Citywide Historical Resources Survey Project

Commissioner Rifkin reported that the photography has been completed in the three neighborhoods of the conservation overlay district, including all the outlying landmarks and the Mace Ranch house.

C. Commissioner Clementi Update on Designation Status Documentation of the Conservation Overlay District

Commissioner Clementi updated the Commission on her progress in documenting the designation status of the conservation overlay district. She reported that there are still 173 properties that need to be surveyed at current count. The Commission discussed how they might address those properties.

D. Time Line for Commission Survey Update of the Conservation Overlay District and Appointment of Commission Subcommittee for the Survey Effort

The Commission appointed Chairperson Herbert, Commissioner Clementi, and Commissioner Lowry to the Survey Subcommittee. The Commission discussed the time line for the remainder of the survey project.

E. 2015-2017 HRMC Goals. Continued discussion on the Commission Goals

Commissioner Rifkin provided a list of landmarks without signs and photographs of where the signs should go. Commissioner Rifkin will work with Staff Liaison Njoku on the language of the proposal and to get a cost estimate for the project.

F. WPA Building Conversion discussion

Museum director Dennis Dingemans reported that they are trying to get the city to reduce the cost of the renovation. He reported that the city is requiring the museum to pay for many components that are costly and extraneous. Including:

- Concrete that must last 100 years, meaning that all the concrete around the building must be replaced, which is \$14,000 of concrete work that the museum does not think needs to be part of the project.
- Two ADA compliant doors when only one is required by law
- Eight panel doors rather than flat panel doors, at \$2,000 additional cost to the museum

The Commission provided advisory input to Mr. Dingemans

Chairperson Herbert stated that it seems unreasonable that the city is asking the museum to fund things that go beyond what is required for the project. He added that the city is adding unnecessary scope to a project that is being funded by donations, that is a benefit to both the museum and to the city, and that the museum is ultimately paying for.

Mr. Dingemans reported the next steps the museum plans to take, including talking to city staff and eventually going before City Council.

Commissioner Herbert announced that the Commission is presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Gale Sosnick for almost 11 years of service on the Commission

11. Adjournment. The next meeting will be June 15, 2015 at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 PM.

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.