



**Historical Resources Management Commission  
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California  
Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and C Streets in Central Park  
Monday, May 20, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Mark Beason (Vice Chair), Karen Clementi, Scott Miltenberger, Richard Rifkin, William Allen Lowry, Gale Sosnick

Commissioners Absent: Linda Zabloutny-Hurst

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Eric Lee, Bob Bowen, and Catherine McCort

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** Commissioner Lowry moved, seconded by Commissioner Miltenberger, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

Chairperson Herbert made edits to the minutes of April 15, 2013.

**Action:** Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2013 as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Communications.**

None

**5. Written Communications.**

Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communications among the Commissioners

**6. Museum Report.**

Museum Director Dennis Dingemans presented the museum report. He reported that the museum is continuing to turn the exhibits and currently have a Mother's Day exhibit tied to the Mother's Day bricks that they have sold. The museum has been represented at various events in Davis and Yolo County, such as Celebrate Davis and the Yolo County Museum. The museum has had the dedication for the Mother's Day bricks that they sold this year. The

museum is also planning a third Arcadia Press book about Davis as a fund raiser for the Hattie Weber Museum

**7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner, Comments.**

Staff Liaison Njoku reported that he attended the CLG Forum, where he learned about historic districts tax incentive program that certified local governments could apply for to assist historic property owners whether designated or not.

City Staff Person Bob Bowen reported that the Mary Foley-Benson painting *Golden Lupine* will be hung in the lobby of the City Council Chambers. He also reported that the reprint of Davisville '69 book is finished, and that there will be an author signing event at the Avid Reader on May, 31 2013. He added that the reprint included new materials and corrections to the original.

Commissioner Rifkin reported that he wrote an article for the Davis Enterprise about the railroad history of Davis, and gave a talk on it at the Train Depot at the request of the Mayor.

**8. Public Meeting.**

**A. Planning Application #13-29; Demolition #3-13 – 515 10<sup>th</sup> Street Historical Resources Analysis (HRA) Report Determination**

Chairperson Herbert explained that the consultant's report was required because the building was thought to have been built in 1941 based on the Yolo County Assessor's effective date, but that since Davis resident John Lofland provided an aerial photograph showing the property was vacant in 1946, the consultants reports was not actually necessary as a HRA report is only required by the City's Demolition Ordinance for buildings built in or before 1945.

Chairperson Herbert point out that this is an example of problem with the demolition ordinance as it is currently written. Since the ordinance has a firm date of 1945 rather than a rolling date of 50 years from the time of construction, this demolition does not require review by the Commission, although it should for the purposes of CEQA.

The Commission deliberated and determined that the HRA report was not required under the City's Demolition Ordinance, but that since the house was built over 50 years ago the Commission would evaluate the report for the purposes of CEQA.

Upon further deliberation, the general consensus of the Commission was that the HRA report as presented was technically sufficient to render a judgment that it would not be subject to CEQA Guidelines requirements.

However, community members present asked to address the Commission understanding that the replacement project was not before the Commission. Community members John Gamper, Scott Peacock, Morgan McMann, and Flossie Elmore expressed concerns about the replacement project regarding potential shade and privacy issues.

Chairperson Herbert informed the community members that their concerns should be presented to the Planning Commission being the appropriate body to review and act on the replacement project.

## **9. Business Items.**

### **A. 339 University Avenue – Attic Remodeling Project**

Chairperson Herbert provided the background of the project and explained the previous decisions rendered by the Commission.

Project proponent Jean Thompson described the updated plans for the attic design, and circulated drawings to the Commissioners.

The Commission discussed the proposed plans, and asked questions of the proponent and of city staff.

The consensus of the Commission is that the proposed alteration is not significant, the property owners will not need to return to the Commission with a new Design Review application, and approval of an administrative Minor Improvement application will be appropriate for the alteration.

### **B. 2012-14 Goals/Work Plan Relative to Demolition Ordinance. Continued deliberation of Draft Demolition Ordinance by the Commission.**

The Commission discussed the comments they had made on the Demolition Ordinance.

The Commission emphasized the need to change the 1945 fixed date listed in the ordinance to a rolling 50 years that should start from the date an application is file so as to bring the City in line with CEQA guidelines and the National Register. The Commission emphasized that as a Certified Local Government the City has certain responsibilities under CEQA to provide a historic evaluation for demolitions of buildings built more than 50 years ago, which is currently not reflected in the City's demolition ordinance.

Commissioner Miltenberger will draft language to address the issue of buildings that are historically significant but do not fall under the proposed 50-years-ago protection.

Staff Liaison Njoku will make the changes discussed by the Commission to the proposed draft of the ordinance, will add Commissioner Miltenberger's draft language, and will re-circulate the updated draft among the Commission for comments.

### **C. Commissioner Rifkin's Proposal to Recommend that the City Council Adopt Resolutions to Honor 1) George Washington Pierce, Jr., and 2) Jerry Kaneko by:**

- **Renaming East Second Street in Mace Ranch for George Washington Pierce, Jr. and**
- **Renaming Covell Place in East Davis near L Street for Jerry Kaneko**

Commissioner Rifkin presented the background of his idea.

The Commission discussed the idea.

Many Commissioners felt that naming new streets after these people might be more practical than renaming existing streets, and suggested that Commissioner Rifkin might create a list of recommended names that reflect Davis history and present the list to the Public Work Department to use when naming future streets. The Commission consensus was to pursue the idea of changing Covell Place to Jerry Kenako Place.

**10. Adjournment.** The next meeting will be **Monday, June 17, 2013** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.