



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, June 17, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Scott Miltenberger, Richard Rifkin, William Allen Lowry, Gale Sosnick, Linda Zablony-Hurst

Commissioners Absent: Mark Beason (Vice Chair), Karen Clementi

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku and Eric Lee

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Rifkin made edits to the minutes of May 20, 2013.

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the minutes of May 20, 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.

None.

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

Chairperson Herbert referring to article on the Davis Enterprise June 13, 2013 about the potential Richards Boulevard tunnel archway concept, shared with the Commission again, his previous discussions with Mr. Kimble Pope and Michael Bisch who are the lead on the archway proposal. The Commission briefly discussed the conceptual proposal.

Commissioner Rifkin reported that he spoke at the Council meeting, expressing the need to consult and involve the HRMC early in the archway discussions.

8. Public Meeting.

A. Planning Application #13-42; Demolition #4-13, Design Review #16-13 and Minor Improvement #5-13 for Accessory Structures at 636 B Street

Planner Lee presented the project to replace the garage/studio apartment structure with two separate and detached accessory structures and provided background on the previous approvals to modify the structure and the demolition that occurred. Staff requested HRMC's advisory comments on the project.

Commissioner Rifkin introduced additional background information on the property based on a discussion with John Lofland. According to Lofland, the property was once owned by Ben Madson who was an important figure in the City's history. This owner information was not included in the survey of the site. Commissioner Rifkin felt that mitigation should be required for the demolition of the accessory structure and suggested a framed photograph of the existing house and site along with a brief paragraph about Ben Madson could be provided by the applicant for display at the Hattie Weber Museum.

Commissioner Zablony-Hurst stated that the property, which was determined to be a contributing structure, did not rise to the level requiring mitigation as the garage that was demolished was not determined to be a historical resource.

Chairperson Herbert concurred and added that he was not comfortable adding a requirement for something that had not been asked of others in the past.

Staff noted that the project file contained photographs of the existing site including the garage/studio apartment structure and would be kept in the file record and that the garage was also built at a different period from the main house.

There were no public comments.

The HRMC unanimously agreed in a voice vote that the proposed project was consistent with the DDTRN Design Guidelines.

9. Business Items.

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

Chairperson Herbert asked for a directed deliberation on the Demolition Ordinance amendment. Commission Miltberger circulated and spoke to his proposed draft addition to Section 8.19.040. Commission Zablony-Hurst shared five areas of improvement, which the Commission deliberated and agreed that four of the five areas needed to be pursued. Commissioner Zablony-Hurst was encouraged to make the changes and email to Staff Liaison Njoku for further transmission to the full Commission. Commissioners deliberated and clarified questions and comments by members.

The Commission discussions could be summarized as follows:

- Delete the definition of structure per 1998 CBC. (Sec. 8.19.010)
- Delete the definition of “tract home” or modify it if it cannot be deleted. (Sec. 8.19.010)
- Eliminate the 1945 fixed date for demolition (Sec. 8.19.040)
- Modify the text of incidental structures in Section 8.19.060 and delete reference to tract home (Sec. 8.19.060(c))
- Bring in appropriate cross references between the Zoning Ordinance Demolition Certificate processes prescribed in Section 40.23.120 et al with demolition requirements in Chapter 8.19 et al
- Commissioner Miltenberger will modify his suggested sub-section “c” addition to Section 8.19.040, and email to Staff Liaison Njoku for inclusion to the draft ordinance. The intent of this addition is to recognize that there is the possibility that there could be properties that are less than 50 years old that could warrant designation.

B. 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 off of L Street for Jerry Kaneko.**

Commissioner Rifkin shared with the Commission his efforts since the May 20, 2013 meeting. The Commission agreed that Commissioner Rifkin should consolidate the names and have it sent to Commissioners for review and additional comments or suggestions. Again, the Commission rejected the idea of renaming Second Street.

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 moved Miltenberger, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.