



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, August 19, 2013**

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

Commissioners Absent: William Allen Lowry, Linda Zablotty-Hurst

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku and Catherine McCort

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

2. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Rifkin edited item 9B to read “Road 32A” instead of “Road 32B”

Action: Vice Chairperson Beason moved, seconded by Commissioner Miltenberger, to approve the agenda as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Rifkin edited section 9B to reflect that the Commission felt that renaming East Second Street was not feasible but that renaming Covell Place might be feasible. He also edited section 9B to read “off L Street” rather than “near L Street.”

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin, to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013 as edited. The motion passed unanimously with Vice Chairperson Beason abstaining.

4. Public Communications.

Kemble Pope, executive director of the Davis Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Commission regarding the Davis Archway Project Concept. He provided an informal update to Commission, indicating that the project is still in the early planning stages and that the proponents are seeking input from a variety of sources. He described some of the ideas under consideration. The Commission asked questions about the project and provided input and feedback.

Burt McNaughton, publisher of the Davis Enterprise, spoke to the Commission, seeking to receive informal guidance on a planned remodel of 301 G Street, a Merit Resource. Mr. McNaughton described his plans for remodeling, which would involve replacing the rear facing windows with doors. The Commission asked questions about the plan and provided informal guidance.

5. Written Communications

Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communication.

6. Museum Report

Dennis Dingemans presented the museum report. He reported on exhibit changes, longer open hours, patron research projects, and recent donations.

Mary Lee Thomson circulated the Hattie Weber Museum Annual Report to the Commission, and provided a verbal summary. She reported on the number of visitors, the events and exhibits, the volunteers, the long term projects, and museum's finances and budget.

Ms. Thomson also addressed the Commission regarding the proposal for the WPA building. She circulated the proposal to the Commission and discussed the background of the building, the Central Park redesign, and the plan to save the building and use it for museum storage. She also outlined the plan that the Yolo County Historical Society is proposing for the building. She asked that the Commission to review the proposal and provide their endorsement.

The Commission went on record as being in support of the plan and offered to speak in favor of it to City Council as needed.

7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Rifkin reported that the county cut down the walnut trees along Russell Boulevard between city limits and Cactus Corners due to illness; The Avenue of Trees.

Commissioner Rifkin also reported that he invited the Bike Commission to tonight's HRMC meeting relative to Item #9B.

8. Public Hearing.

A. Planning Application #13-07 – Certificate of Appropriateness #4-13 and Demolition #1-13 to Demolish the Detached Garage at 445 Russell Boulevard, a Designated Landmark

Commissioner Njoku presented the staff report. He provided the background on the issues with the garage and what had come before the Commission in the past. He explained that the city had informed the proponents that the garage was unsafe and as such the proponents want to demolish the garage. He also explained that there is currently no replacement project, but that there may be in the future.

The Commission discussed the proposal and asked questions of Staff Liaison Njoku.

Commissioner Rifkin added the following to Condition of Approval #2:

The applicant shall provide two professionally framed photographs approximately 8x10 inches of the Landmark Property, including the detached garage, to the Hattie Weber Museum of Davis for display purposes. One photograph should depict the main house and other features

visible from the street, the second should depict the garage. Additionally each photo should include information as to what is depicted in the shots and the month and year the picture was taken. The purpose of this Condition of Approval is so that from this point forward residents and visitors to the Hattie Weber Museum of Davis will be able to see what the Landmark looked like before the adverse change took place by making it available for public display at the Hattie Weber. The photos can be effortlessly observed by all patrons of the museum who come when these shots are on display.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Sosnick, to determine that the proposed project is categorically except from further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(4) as a demolition of a small structure, a garage. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission corrected some typographical errors in the staff report.

The Commission did not agree that the demolition of the garage has no adverse impact on the Landmark Resource, just that the adverse impact does not rise to the level of a substantial adverse impact.

Chairperson Herbert removed the sentence “Given the HRA report and the Commission’s prior deliberations that recognize that the garage could be demolished, staff believes that the demolition of the garage will comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties” from finding #2.

The Commission removed Certificate of Appropriateness Finding #1 from the report.

The Commission changed COA Condition of Approval #2 to read “The property owner shall photo document the detached garage, and its relationship to the primary building, prior to its demolition.”

Vice Chairperson Beason volunteered to help select the appropriate photographs.

Action: Vice Chairperson Beason moved, seconded by Commissioner Miltenberger, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) #4-13, subject to the findings and conditions as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, to approve Demolition Certificate #1-13 that would permit the demolition of the detached garage at 445 Russell Boulevard after completion of all conditions of approval. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Business Items.

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

Action: Vice Chairperson Beason moved to accept the changes to the demolition ordinance as discussed in prior meetings.

Commissioner Rifkin added a friendly amendment to change “recommendations for mitigation” to “recommendations for conditions of approval/mitigation” in section 40.23.120.

Vice Chairperson Beason accepted the friendly amendment and Commissioner Miltenberger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Liaison Njoku reported that this issue could go before City Council in September and asked the Commission if it would prefer to present the proposal to City Council or if it would prefer that city staff present the proposal. The Commission indicated that it would prefer to present the proposal to City Council.

The Commission reiterated that the draft Demolition Ordinance is ready to go to City Council for action.

B. Commissioner Rifkin’s Business Items:

Commissioner Rifkin described the background of his proposals and the proposed possible names.

The Commission discussed the proposals and reached the following recommendations:

- a. That the City Council authorize names of persons important to Davis history be used for the Cannery development for its new streets with the approval of the property developer, and that the names should be those on the subcommittee's list of historic Davis names
- b. Name three previously unnamed bike paths in Davis to honor citizens who played large roles in making Davis a bike friendly city, namely:
 - i. The path that parallels I-80 from Olive Drive to Road 32A to be called the Frank and Eve Child Bike Path. They were the Davis couple who first proposed bike lanes for Davis.
 - ii. The path that runs from Drummond Ave. to San Marino Drive along Putah Creek to be named for Dale and Dona Lott, who played a major roll with Mr. and Mrs. Child.
 - iii. The path that runs from Research Park Drive to Drummond Ave. to be named for Maynard Skinner, who ran for Council in 1966 on the bike lane theme and was important, once on the Council, in getting the changes approved.
- c. Recommend that by 2017, being the 50th anniversary of the first bike lane of its type in the United States (Sycamore Lane), the City Council appropriate funds to put up historical signs which recognize what began in 1967 and will tell passersby what the Childs, the Lotts, and Mr. Skinner did in this regard.

Action: Commissioner Clementi moved, seconded by Vice Chairperson Beason, to support all items proposed in 9B as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Herbert reported that he will not be present at the September meeting.

10. Adjournment. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 16, 2013** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.