



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, November 18, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Richard Rifkin, William Allen Lowry, Gale Sosnick

Commissioners Absent: Mark Beason (Vice Chair), Karen Clementi, Scott Miltenberger, 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.**
Action: Commissioner Lowry moved, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approval of Minutes.**
Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Public Communications.** None.
- 5. Written Communications.** Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communication.
- 6. Museum Report**
Museum Director Dennis Dingemans presented the museum report. He reported that the Museum Oversight Committee will meet on December 7, 2013. He shared with the Commission some of the museum's recent accessions and de-accessions, including the offer by the Schmeiser family to loan its historic piano to the museum. He updated the Commission on the status of the museum's request to re-purpose the WPA building into museum storage. After Mr. Dingemans noted that staff had repeatedly referred to the WPA building as “unsightly,” the Commission discussed the issue, noting that the WPA building is judged by the two architects on the Commission, and agreed to by other members, to be of proper design for its function, given its origins, time of construction, and place. Having previously on February 27, 2012 resolved that the building should be retained for use by the Hattie Weber, the Commission took the following action:

Action: Commissioner Lowry moved, seconded by Commissioner Sosnick, that (both architects):

Whereas the City of Davis Historic Resources Management Commission previously has stated its support of the WPA building's adaptive reuse by the Hattie Weber Museum through formal resolution, and

Whereas adaptive reuse is the greenest possible use of such a building and environmentally superior to building a replacement structure; and

Whereas the building is of a solid utilitarian design and that it is an appropriate design in its setting, the building should be re-purposed as a storage facility for the museum.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments.

Staff Liaison Njoku reported that City staff is in the process of approving a certificate of appropriateness for 397 B Street for the installation of an open parking space.

Staff Liaison Njoku also reported that the City approved the Romani house's roof repair with composition shingle as a minor improvement. Chairperson Herbert added that there was a consultation with him by staff as well as SHPO, and the SHPO seemed to suggest that dimensional composition shingle is acceptable. Njoku added that the repair work consists of overlaying the dimensional composition shingle over the existing wood shingle.

8. Business Items.

A. `Commission Goals/Work Plan Relative to City Council direction.

Commissioner Rifkin described the Subcommittee's draft document; the Commission discussed their goals and made some revisions to the draft document. The Commission reiterated the need for an updated historic resources survey and reflected that they will need to pass a resolution to propose an updated survey to City Council in the future.

Action: Commissioner Lowry moved, seconded by Commissioner Rifkin, to accept the goals as revised and their supporting documents. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2012-2013 CLG Annual Report.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 2012-2013 Certified Local Government Annual Report and made some minor edits. The Commission approved the Annual Report as edited for transmission to the State Office of Historic Preservation. The Commission also discussed plans and options for future Commission trainings.

C. College Park Area Re-designation as a Historic District

Chairperson Herbert gave the history of the College Park designation. He explained that the College Park neighborhood was designated a Historic District in the first two

surveys, but left out of the most recent (2003) survey possibly due to a clerical error. Staff Liaison Njoku added that community member Helen Thompson is asking for clarification on the neighborhood's historic designation status.

The Commission formed a subcommittee of Commissioners Herbert, Lowry and Sosnick to perform windshield survey of the area in order to document changes to the buildings in the neighborhood and to compare its current resources to those documented in the prior surveys. The subcommittee will bring their finding back to the Commission for the December meeting so that the Commission can review the findings and make a recommendation as to the designation status of the neighborhood.

D. Street Naming List and the Next Steps.

Commissioner Rifkin reported that the City Council accepted the proposal to rename the bike paths, but that the City Council felt that the list for potential historic Davis names the Commission provided as possible future street names needed more discussion given that one community members have expressed unhappiness with the list.

The Commission will invite public input on the list of potential names at its December meeting. The Commission will invite Public Works to the discussion as well as place a public announcement in the Davis Enterprise.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.