



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, December 16, 2013**

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

Commissioners Absent: Karen Clementi, Gale Sosnick

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Michael Mitchell, and Catherine McCort

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

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Rifkin changed item 9D to read “one community member” rather than “some community members.”

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Herbert, Miltenberger, Rifkin

Noes: None

Abstentions: Beason

Absent: Clementi, Sosnick, Zablony-Hurst

4. Public Communications.

Robert Lindley addressed the Commission about a potential remodel of 239 G Street. He distributed drawings of the intended exterior remodeling at 239 G Street, and asked the Commission for advice as to how to move forward. The Commission consensus comments were that additional information is needed on history of the building, including date of construction, past use and alterations; that with knowledge of these requested items the Commission could provide better comments, and would be able to state if the proposed alteration is acceptable. In event that the building is not a potential resource, the Commission believes that elevation changes intended appears acceptable. However, for a better understanding of how to treat the changes in relation to adjacent designated historic

resources, the Commission recommended that the Davis Downtown and Traditional Residential Neighborhood Design Guidelines be consulted.

Commissioner Zablony-Hurst arrived at 7:06 pm

5. Written Communications

Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communications.

6. Museum Report

Dennis Dingemans presented the museum report. He reported that the Purple Circle exhibit is taking shape. He also updated the Commission as to the status of the WPA building, reporting that City Council has deferred the vote on it to its meeting of Tuesday, December 17, 2013, and that a compromise might be reached in which the north addition to the building would be demolished to improve the sight lines into the park and that the Hattie Weber Museum would have to participate in the cost of the renovations.

7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments

Chairperson Herbert reported that he attended the previous City Council meeting and spoke in support of the adaptive reuse of the WPA building. He also reminded the Commission that the vote on the WPA building is scheduled for the meeting of Tuesday the 17th if any of the other Commissioners want to attend.

Commission Rifkin reported that he also attended the previous City Council meeting and spoke in favor of the adaptive reuse of the WPA building. He also reported that the Hunt-Boyer Tank House has been fully restored at the Improbable Acre farm.

Commissioner Rifkin also asked that an item might be added to a future agenda to discuss changing the name of the Historical Resources Management Commission to the Historical Commission. The Commission agreed to discuss the idea at a later meeting.

Staff Liaison Njoku reported that City Council is looking at the mid-year budget at their December 17th meeting that could impact the City's CLG status, and the possibility of the functions of the HRMC being combined with those of the Planning Commission.

Chairperson Herbert explained that having CLG status is a distinction, and saves the City money.

8. Business Items

A. Streets Naming List and the Next Steps

Chairperson Herbert described the background of the list of potential street names. He explained that the list is entirely voluntary and that the names are only suggestions. He explained that the Commission is looking for suggestions for Davis historic names that should or should not be on the list, and for general criteria for inclusion in the list.

Staff Liaison Njoku added that Michael Mitchell, the Principle City Engineer was present as the Commission requested.

Commissioner Rifkin gave additional background on the City's various street naming themes and protocols. He also described the criteria he had used when compiling the

original list, such as people who had made significant contributions to the City and people who acted as leaders in the community.

Community member Val Dolcini suggested adding the names Plant, Becket, and Dolcini to the list. He also volunteered to work with the Commission to come up with names and standards for the list. He specifically pointed out that the criteria need to recognize longevity.

Staff person Mitchell pointed out that if the list consists of family names then it avoids the issue of naming streets after living people.

The Commissioner Lowry suggested including people from UC Davis as well if they contributed to the City community.

Chairperson Herbert stated that in his opinion the list should not include living people.

Staff person Mitchell added that is it City policy not to name streets after living people, but that City Council can always override that policy.

Commissioner Zablony-Hurst suggested opening the list up to Yolo County residents that contributed to the community.

Commissioner Rifkin stated that he will update City Council as to the status of this list as requested at the Council meeting on December 17th. He will also provide them with the history of the City's naming conventions and will ask them as to what the next step should be.

The Commission formed a subcommittee of Commissioners Rifkin and Lowry to work with Mr. Dolcini on the criteria for and names on the list and to bring it back before the Commission at the January meeting.

B. College Park Area Historic District Subcommittee's Report:

Chairperson Herbert described the findings of the subcommittee, which were also summarized in the attached report.

He explained that the College Park neighborhood was called out as a historic district in two surveys in the past, which were accepted by City Council, and was only left off the most recent survey because that survey focused only on the core area.

He added that the subcommittee found that there have not been significant changes in comparison to the 1996 survey to disqualify the neighborhood as a historic district, and since the City has not affirmatively canceled it as a historic district, it is still a historic district.

Chairperson Herbert also explained that the Commission generated this report in response to the question from City staff as to whether the neighborhood was a historic district, and is now reporting their findings to the City. He added that subcommittee found that the area has never ceased to be a historic district.

The Commission discussed the findings of the subcommittee and the history of the surveys, asking questions of Staff Liaison Njoku.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Miltenberger, that whereas the College Park district was identified in two City surveys as a historic district, and that those surveys have formed the basis of the historic preservation activities within the City of Davis and the City of Davis' CEQA compliance, and whereas College park has never been dropped as a historic district, and whereas it retains the attributes of a historic district, be it resolved that College Park remains a historic district of the City of Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Adjournment.** The next meeting will be **Monday, January 27, 2014** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm