



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, February 23, 2015**

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

Commissioners Absent: Mark Beason (Vice Chair)

Council Liaisons Present: None

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Eric Lee, Catherine McCort

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

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

3. Approval of Minutes.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Miltenberger, to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2014. The motion passed with Chairperson Herbert and Commissioner Clementi abstaining.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Sosnick, to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2015, with the edits by Commissioner Sosnick and Chairperson Herbert. The motion passed with Commissioners Clementi and Miltenberger abstaining.

4. Public Communications.

Mrs. Stacey Parker spoke about potential errors on the DPR 523A prepared for their property at 622 E Street, which they would like corrected as part of the Citywide survey update project. The Commission directed her to send any information she might have to Staff Liaison Njoku for transmission to Consultant Brunzell.

5. Written Communications

Staff Liaison Njoku circulated the written communications.

6. Museum Report

Dennis Dingemans presented the Hattie Weber Museum report. He provided updates on new artifacts donated to the museum, on research projects undertaken, and on the status of the museum's funds.

7. Staff, Council Liaison, and Commissioner Comments

Staff Liaison Njoku asked if there were any plans to honor Jim Beckett, Museum Director Emeritus who recently passed. The Commission suggested commissioning a plaque in his honor, and possibly naming the WPA storage space / building for him in the future.

8. Public Meeting. Historical Resources Analysis (HRA) Update Report Determination for 201, 205, 209, and 213 2nd Street (Merit Resource – Baravetto House and Tank House)

City staff Eric Lee presented the staff report. Historical Consultant Dana Supernowicz summarized his Historical Resources Analysis and its findings. The Commission asked questions of the consultant and of City staff.

Chairperson Herbert stated that the Commission wanted to make it clear that under the law, the property is a Resource for the purposes of CEQA and the Commission cannot support a report that states the opposite. He explained that this is because the City (through its survey) had called this property out as having two Merit Resource buildings (i.e., by the City Council action), and Davis is a Certified Local Government accepted by The State Historic Preservation Office. He added that there is not enough information in the report to de-list the Merit Resources.

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved staff recommendation 8A, seconded by Commissioner Clementi, that the Bravetto House and Tank House at 209 and 209½ – 213 Second Street respectively will retain their Merit Resource designation standing (already CRHR properties under local standing), and are resources for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Miltenberger, Rifkin, Herbert, Clementi

Noes: Sosnick

Action: Commissioner Miltenberger moved staff recommendation 8B, seconded by Commissioner Lowry that the duplex structure at 201 and 205 Second Street does not meet the eligibility criteria for historical designation in the Local, State, or National Register of Historical Resource, therefore, is not a resource for the purposed of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion passed unanimously.

The HRMC's action included staff's recommendation for additional historical analysis to be provided specifically related to the CEQA-related impacts from demolition of the resources and a recommendation of mitigation measures to reduce the impact with the understanding that the impacts from demolition would not be reduced to a less than significant level.

9. Business Items

A. Subcommittee's Oral Report Overlay District Relative to the Citywide Historical Resources Survey Project Update

Commissioner Rifkin updated the Commission about his efforts and the portions of the Conservation Overlay District that he had taken pictures of buildings. He added that he could not perform documentation and look to Commissioners with technical skills to

perform the documentation. He shared some of his findings, and indicated that he intends to continue taking pictures of other areas of the Conservation Overlay District.

E. E. 2014-15 CLG Citywide Survey Project Consultant Update Letter

Historical consultant Kara Brunzell's update letter had been provided to the Commission. The Commission expressed its satisfaction with her current progress.

B. Chairperson Herbert and Commissioner Clementi presentation of staff efforts regarding surveying of the Overlay District and (C.) Commission deliberation and articulation, including assignment of Overlay District survey and update process

The Commission discussed the difficulties in assessing the Conservation Overlay District and the issues of addressing the current lack of identification of historical districts. He explained what it means to have a historical district.

Commissioner Clementi and Chairperson Herbert updated the Commission on Commissioner Clementi's efforts to reconcile the data from the 1980, 1996 and 2003 surveys into one usable document. They discussed current efforts of Commissioner Clementi to identify the varying status of survey properties, addresses not surveyed, and a consolidation of the address lists of the three existing surveys to assist future update efforts.

D. 2015-17 HRMC Goals

The Commission discussed potential future goals, including signage for Landmark buildings, funding sources, the 100th anniversary of Davis' incorporation and the 50th anniversary of the bike lanes in 2017, and signage for the four original bike lanes.

The Commission will carry this discussion over into the next meeting

Staff Liaison Njoku informed the Commission that the Urban Forrest Manager and the City Arborist may come before the Commission at the next meeting to discuss the pine trees at the Paso Fino project.

Njoku also informed the Commission that the Calori properties HRA report may also be coming before the Commission at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment. The next meeting will be **Monday, March 16, 2015** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.