



City of Davis

**Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 17, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616**  
(Southeast Corner of A Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Street)

Commissioners Present: Karen Clementi, Mark S. Davis, Rand Herbert (Alternate), David Hickman, William Allen Lowry (Vice-chairperson), Scott Miltenberger (Chairperson), Erin Autry Montgomery, Richard Rifkin

Commissioners Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Gloria Partida (Regular)

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Ike Njoku

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call.**

Chair S. Miltenberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda.**

Action: A. Lowry moved, seconded by K. Clementi to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimous.

**3. Public Comment**

The newly appointed Alternate Commissioner John Rasure introduced himself to the Commission and expressed eagerness to join the Commission next month.

Local Architect Jonathan Hammond informed the Commission that he represents the owners of 536 G Street, and appreciate it if the Commission would take up first his client's item because they would be returning to the Bay Area after the meeting. Chairperson Miltenberger asked for the will of the Commission, and by consensus the Commission agreed to take on Item 7B first.

**4. Consent Calendar**

A. None.

**5. Written Communications.**

Written communications were circulated.

**6. Museum Report.**

Hattie Weber Museum Director Dennis Dingemans reported that Collections staff of the closed Gibson House in Woodland has joined the docents at Hattie Weber. He provided update on the WPA restroom, including that Steve Harrison is anticipated to become the contract for remodeling project. He expressed appreciation for the support City staff has provided to the Museum, including the possibility of spending up to \$6,000 to remove lead paint and an additional \$6,000 to remove the obsolete electrical system.

## 7. Public Meeting Items.

### **B. 536 G Street Historical Resources Analysis (HRA) Report by Commissioner Hickman.**

Commissioner Hickman introduced the HRA report and its findings. Chairperson Miltenberger opened the public meeting. Mr. Hammond expressed support for the conclusion of the HRA report on behalf of his client. Given no other public comments the public meeting was closed. The Commission deliberated on the HRA report's content and conclusions, and asked some clarifying questions. Staff Liaison Njoku informed the Commission that there is no specific project proposed at this time, and that the property owner made inquiries about the redevelopment of the subject site. As a result, staff reached out to some Commissioners for assistance. Commissioner Hickman volunteered to conduct the research survey. Commissioner Montgomery moved and seconded by Commissioner Clementi staff recommendation, which is summarized as follows:

**The historical resources survey report prepared for 536 G Street prepared by Commissioner Hickman, and its conclusions that the property is ineligible for listing in the NRHP, CRHR, or the City of Davis Register, and that it is not a historical resource under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is acceptable.**

The motion passed unanimously.

### **A. 241 First Street Historical Resources Analysis (HRA) Report by Commissioner Hickman.**

Commissioner Hickman introduced the HRA report and its findings. Chairperson Miltenberger opened the public meeting. The property owner was not present. The public meeting was closed as no one was present to speak on the HRA report. The Commission deliberated on the report's content and conclusions, and asked clarifying questions. Staff Liaison Njoku informed the Commission that similar to 536 B Street, Commissioner Hickman volunteered to perform the survey, but no formal project application had been submitted. Commissioner Davis moved and seconded by Commissioner Lowry staff recommendation, which is summarized below.

**The historical resources survey report prepared for 241 First Street prepared by Commissioner Hickman, and its conclusions that the property is ineligible for listing in the NRHP, CRHR, or the City of Davis Register, and is not a historical resource under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is acceptable.**

The motion passed unanimously.

## 8. Business Item.

### **A. Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report.**

Chairperson Miltenberger opened the discussion. Staff Liaison Njoku introduced the Annual CLG report. Commissioners suggested minor edits, including the agenda's misrepresentation of the period under review date (i.e., September 1, 2018 instead of September 30, 2018). By consensus the Commission approved the CLG Annual report with the suggested edits and directed that the report, consistent with the CLG Annual report requirement, be presented to the City Council prior to transmission to California State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP).

### **B. Council/Commission 12-18-18 Joint Discussion Meeting.**

Chairperson Miltenberger summarized his draft talking points for the joint City Council/Commission discussion meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Commissioner Herbert explained that he wished that he had presented the Commission's needs, in the past years, to City Council with the hopes that they could have served as explanation platform and educational opportunity to inform Council members the various roles of the HRMC. He explained that the HRMC's self-problem-solving approach, which avoided the "squeaky wheel" approach,

contributed to the present misunderstanding of what roles the Commission plays for the City, including contributing to the City achieving the various goals and legal requirements associated with a CLG. He enumerated the various roles and activities that the Commission takes on without complaining or letting Council know about them. Other Commissioners shared the same perspective and elaborated a bit on this item. The Commissioners summed up the details to be presented to Council at the joint discussion, and Chairperson Miltenberger asked Commissioners to feel free to bring up any item that he failed to present during his presentation to Council.

**C. Down Specific Plan Update.**

Chairperson Miltenberger provided status update of the project. The Commission briefly discussed the difficulty of asking the HRMC to conduct the greater number of remaining properties to be surveyed. Chairperson Miltenberger explained the challenges of the “sensitivity study” that the Commission had done versus the actual survey work, highlighting that time is of essence given that Commissioners do work for a living and cannot perform the already contracted surveys due to the failure of the original historical consultant hired by Opticos at such short notice. The Commission expressed disappointment in the lack of inclusion of HRMC at the beginning, but quickly acknowledged that current efforts are encouraging and pointing in the right direction.

**D. Appointment of HRMC Development Subcommittee.**

Chairperson Miltenberger volunteered to replace Commissioner Herbert as the other member of the HRMC Development Subcommittee.

**9. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons.**

Commissioner Herbert stated that he plans to continue work in the designation of bike lanes in the National Register. He added that if asked, he would be glad to provide informal assistance to staff and the HRMC Development Subcommittee on as needed recognizing that he no longer would have official standing come January 1, 2019. Commissioner Rifkin updated the Commission on his findings regarding U-mall relative to the historical and archeological resources survey report provided to the Commission at its November meeting. He noted that he easily found out the name of the architect and other basic questions asked by the Commission of the historical consultant. He also restated that he would continue to work with staff on getting the name recognition for the pioneers of Davis Bike Lanes.

**10. Adjourn.**

The next meeting will be January 28, 2019, at the Senior Center Activity Room, 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616 (southeast corner of A Street and 7th Street) at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.