



City of Davis

Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616
(Southeast Corner of A Street & 7th Street)

Commissioners Present: Mark S. Davis, Jordan Jacobs, William Allen Lowry (Vice-chairperson), Scott Miltenberger (Chairperson), Erin Autry Montgomery, Richard Rifkin

Commissioners Absent: Excused absents: Karen Clementi (resigned), David Hickman (family), John Rasure (delayed at the airport)

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

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Ike Njoku

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.

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

2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Montgomery moved, seconded by Davis to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Consent Calendar

A. December 17, 2018 minutes approval. Lowry moved, seconded by Montgomery to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Written Communications.

Written communications were circulated.

6. Museum Report.

None.

7. Business Items.

A. 3820 Chiles Road Project Update.

Chairperson Miltenberger provided a brief background about the proposed residential project at 3820 Chiles Road for the benefit of Commissioners that was not present. Mr. Lawrence Shepard the property owner and project proponent addressed the Commission. He stated that he had found the time capsule that the HRMC had suggested during the Draft EIR comment period to be located and given to the Hattie Weber Museum. He elaborated on the circumstances leading to the discovery of the time capsule, and the fact that it was delivered to the office of the HRMC

Chairperson Miltenberger. Chairperson Miltenberger discussed briefly some contents of the capsule, and it was concluded that staff liaison Njoku would put Mr. Shepard in touch with Hattie Weber Museum Director Dingemans for the appropriate transfer form for the items.

B. Discussion of Council/Commission 12-18-18 Joint Meeting

Chairperson Miltenberger provided a summary of the joint Council/Commission meeting. Other Commissioners asked questions and provided answers to the questions regarding the joint discussion meeting.

C. HRMC Work Plan (Goals) Discussion

1. Chairperson Miltenberger and Commissioner Montgomery outlined the vision for historic district nomination process. Commissioners deliberated and asked staff liaison some clarifying questions regarding the use of the word “plan” in the zoning ordinance. Council Liaison and Mayor Pro Tempore Partida asked for clarifications regarding the “ask” that the Commission wishes for the City Council to address. It was concluded that staff liaison Njoku would address questions of the Subcommittee of Chairperson Miltenberger and Montgomery, while the Subcommittee would arrange to further discuss with Mayor Pro Tempore Partida an outline of the Commission work plan and the ask of the City Council prior to the next Commission regular meeting.
2. College Park historic district status was discussed by the Commission and by consensus it was agreed that a formal historic district designation should be pursued in the light that it is a historic district established in the 1980 and reaffirmed in 1996 at the local level.
3. An update on the Downtown Davis Specific plan was provided, which was basically the Opticos has retained the services of Michael Garavaglia’s firm to conduct the historical resources survey for the unsurveyed properties in the Core area and University Avenue / Rice Lane Neighborhood areas. The Old East and Old North Neighborhoods would be visited later as part of the project EIR preparation. The Commission is still encouraged to participate in the survey as feasible. Chairperson Miltenberger expressed the difficulty of the Commission to participate to the extent staff and Opticos would appreciate given that the Commissioners are predominantly “working” commissioners that have full time day jobs. Mayor Pro Tempore shared with the Commission her experience as a member of Human Resources Commission, especially how there are not enough time to accomplish the work plan and goals the Commission set for itself. She gave examples of other Commissions, such as Natural Resources Commission and Social Service Commission. She encouraged the Commission to continue its efforts and to not give up. The Commissioner further discussed the need to have one or two more Commissioners become a Subcommittee with Chairperson Miltenberger given that Commissioner Herbert is termed out. Commissioner Montgomery volunteered and it was table to the next Commission meeting so that opportunity would be given to other Commissioners to volunteer in the Downtown Specific Plan Update Subcommittee.
4. The Commission discussed whether another member should join the development subcommittee given that Commissioner Herbert’s departure leaves a gap that must be filled and Chairperson Miltenberger cannot fully participate in this subcommittee given it’s time consuming nature. This discussion was also tabled to the next Commission meeting in order to see other Commissioners would consider participating in this subcommittee.

8. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons.

Chairperson Miltenberger reminded Commissioners that Commissioner Clementi resigned last week, Friday, January 25, 2019. There were no other announcements.

9. Adjourn.

The next meeting will be February 25, 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 8:30 p.m.