



City of Davis

Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 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, Erin Autry Montgomery, William Allen Lowry (Vice-chairperson), Scott Miltenberger (Chairperson)

Commissioners Absent: Excused absents: David Hickman

Resigned: John Rasure

Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Planner & Historical Resources Manager, Elise Carroll, Senior Planner De Novo Planning Group

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.

Chairperson Miltenberger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

3. Ceremonial Preservation of Certificate of Appreciation to Former Commissioner Clementi.

Chairperson Miltenberger presented Ms. Clementi with a certificate of appreciation for her nearly seven plus year of service to the City as a Commissioner. He read the certificate content and presented it Ms. Clementi. There was a light refreshment of cookies and water.

4. Public Comments

Former Chairperson Rand Herbert informed Commissioners that if someone asked them about the scale of the Trackside project, they could refer folks to the Marriott Residence In at 4647 Fermi Place off of 2nd Street that is currently under construction. He explained that this hotel project is the same scale and height as the trackside project.

5. Consent Calendar

A. March 18, 2019, minutes approval. Jacobs moved, and seconded by Lowry to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Written Communications.

Written communications folder was circulated.

7. Museum Report.

None. Chairperson Miltenberger asked staff liaison Njoku if there has been any news as to why Mr. Dingemans had been absent in recent meetings. Njoku responded that Mr. Dingemans recently lost his brother, and is also having some health issues.

8. HRMC Meeting.

A. U-Mall Cultural Resources Report Continued.

Chairperson Miltenberger opened the public meeting. Planner Eric Lee provided the Commission with a brief background and introduction. ECORP Consulting Inc. Director of Cultural Resources, Lisa Westwood, introduced herself and provided explanations of the updated letter provided in response to the November 26, 2018, comments by the Commission. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and provided comments, which can be summarized as follows:

- The archaeological resources discussion in the report does not provide adequate information, including if there was consultation with the applicable Native American tribes as to whether there are potential resources within the area that could help inform the report recommendations and findings.
- The letter addressing the Commission's November 2018 comments does not appear to fully address the comments made at that meeting. For instance, in response number 2 it is stated that University Mall has lost much of its original integrity, while in response number 4f, it is stated that architectural modifications from 1966 through today are modest. The statements are contradictory in nature, and consistency is required.
- No historic background is provided to support the findings made; there should have been further research done to support the findings of the report.
- Regarding response number 4c, what was the search conducted to draw the conclusion.
- The comment by former Commissioner Rifkin was dealing with Criterion A relative to the controversy not whether the mall was a draw for the growth of Davis, or the other way around.

Staff and Ms. Westwood addressed some of the questions and comments. It is the consensus of the Commission that as much as feasible Ms. Westwood would clean up the conflicting statements and provide any updates necessary to address some of the comments made.

Commissioner Davis moved, seconded by Lowry to accept the report's conclusion that the property is not eligible for listing in the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and is not a historic resource under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Montgomery to accept the report's conclusion that there are no indications of prehistoric or archaeological resources on the site and that recommended mitigation measures in the report to address the potential discovery of archaeological resources apply. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of Mr. Herbert, the Commission switched B and C items.

B. Bike Lanes Nomination Form. Former Commission Chairperson Herbert stated that he had provided the completed draft nomination form to the Commission for the following purposes:

- The Commissioners would read it and make edits as well as provide comments (i.e., feedback).
- Have the Commission take ownership of it for practical purposes.
- Seek and obtain City Council support prior to filing the application with the state (i.e., a resolution of support).
- Seek and obtain support from the Bike Hall of Fame.
- Embark in taking at least 10 photos that reflect past photos in terms of location to show that the lanes had remained essentially the same (i.e., retained integrity).

Chairperson Miltenberger and Commissioner Hickman volunteered to be the lead on the nomination. Chairperson Miltenberger asked Commissioners to forward their comments, edits, or any feedbacks to him for incorporation into the form. In addition, he volunteered to take the photos.

C. HRMC Work Plan. The Commission deliberated on the following:

- Historic District Designation Process. The Commission by consensus agreed that there are no additional work needed on the designation process outline.

- College Park Historic District. The Commission deliberated on the fact that College Park is currently a historic district, while the historic district review process still applies and will be adhered to relative to College, it is important to request funding early for the district management plan. Commissioner Lowry moved, seconded by Davis to
Request from City Council the funding for the preparation of a management plan for College Park with the notation that as an existing historic district being under pressure for significant redevelopment by new buyers exerts significant pressure to alter the significance of College Park as a historic district if prompt and welcomed actions are not taken now.

Staff liaison Njoku was directed by the Commission to prepare a report from HRMC to Council for the funding request. The draft report will be reviewed by the HRMC historic district subcommittee. In another action, the Commission appointed a Subcommittee of Chairperson Miltenberger, Commissioners Lowry and Montgomery to review College Park existing documentations for adequacy to apply for state recognition of the district. The point being that College Park Historic District was adopted by the City prior to the recent state and national standards for historic districts. This means that the City would have to update the College Park historic district documents and update them for the formal application submission for designation of the district at state and national levels.

9. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons.

Chairperson Miltenberger had announced earlier that Mayor Pro Tempore Gloria Partida emailed to state that she could not make the meeting, although she had passed on at the last Council meeting the historic district review process. He in addition informed the Commission that Commissioner Rasure had resigned from the Commission.

10. Adjourn.

The next meeting will be June 17, 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.

Motion to adjourn by Montgomery, seconded by Lowry. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.