



**City of Davis
Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2022**

7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Lindsay Busse, David Hickman, Jordan Jacobs, Arianna Laleh, Erin Autry Montgomery (Chairperson), Ning Wan, Marcus Marino
Commissioner(s) Absent: Scott Miltenberger (Vice-chairperson)
Council Liaison(s) Present: Josh Chapman
Staff Present: Ike Njoku, Planner & Historical Resources Manager

Swearing in Ceremony

Staff Liaison Njoku swore in Commissioners Busse and Marino after Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call.

Chairperson Montgomery took roll call. She disclosed that Commissioner Miltenberger have excused absent due to family emergency.

Chairperson Montgomery asked the new Commissioners to introduce themselves and provide brief background. Commissioners Busse and Marino complied. Chairperson gave a brief background about herself and called on other members of the Commission to introduce themselves to the new Commissioners.

Chairperson called upon Council Liaison Chapman, and he welcomed the new Commissioners, thanking them for volunteering and offered words of encouragements as well as introduced himself.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Hickman moved, seconded by Jacobs to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment.

None.

4. Consent Calendar

A. March 21 Meeting Minutes approval.

Action: Hickman moved, seconded by Laleh to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Museum Report.

None.

6. Public Meeting Items.

A. 238 G Street – Updated DPR 523 By Commissioner Hickman.

Chairperson Montgomery introduced the item. She thanked Commissioner Hickman for preparing the DPR form update and the property owner for being willing to restore the building to its original form to the extent feasible.

Commissioner Hickman provided background information and its report findings to the Commission. Property owner, Laura Ambrose, provided additional background and share their vision to restore the building close to its original form and appearance.

Staff Liaison Njoku added that a comment was sent to the Commission by former HRMC Commissioner Valerie Vann about a construction accident that happened years back that revealed, that at least at the northern corner of the building near G Street, the existing brick veneer was placed over the original ceramic tile siding. Ms. Ambrose indicated knowledge of the ceramic tile and efforts to previously match the tile without success, although a close looking tile was installed.

The Commission deliberated and had comments and questions for Commissioner Hickman, which include:

- The update is very concise and informative
- Appreciative of property owners' interest in restoring and preserving the building
- Supportive the property owners' efforts to restore and share the building with the community
- Efforts should be made to celebrate the restoration efforts by having the City Council act on the property's designation as a Merit Resource during the opening so as to accord the property appropriate public awareness

Commissioner Jacobs moved staff CEQA determination recommendation, and seconded by Commission Laleh as follows:

That the updated DPR 523 prepared for 238 G Street, prepared by Commissioner Hickman, is adequate and its findings and conclusions that the property is eligible for designation as a Merit Resource in the Davis Register is appropriate and acceptable.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: Busse, Laleh, Hickman, Jacobs, Montgomery, Wan, Marino
Noes: None
Absent: Miltenberger

B. 2020-2021 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report.

Chairperson Montgomery introduced the item. Staff Liaison Njoku provided an overview.

The Commission deliberated and provide the following comments:

- The report is adequate
- There are a few edits needed on page 5 relative to Commissioner Laleh's name spelling error, omission of Vice-chairperson Miltenberger's name on the table, and inclusion of training for dates outside the fiscal year of September 1, 2020 through October 30, 2021.
- Commissioners interested are invited to attend the City Council meeting of April 19, 2022, as the CLG Annual report is placed on the Consent Calendar for approval.
- The report will be transmitted to OHP for filing upon City Council action on April 19, 2022.
- Staff Liaison was reminded to ensure the minor edits were made prior to sending OHP the final report.

7. Business Items.

A. HRMC Workplan Update. Staff Liaison Njoku explained that there is no new information to share with the Commission.

Chairperson Montgomery informed the Commission that she lives in University Estates and had always recused herself when it comes to discussions pertaining to this subdivision. She asked staff Liaison Njoku to explain the direction for the meeting. Njoku stated that Chairperson Montgomery and Jacobs who live in the subdivision would have to be placed in the Attendee status during deliberations involving University Estates. Chairperson Montgomery volunteered Commissioner Hickman to run the meeting when University Estates deliberations comes up, and proposed that the deliberations be divided into two; College Park Historic District Management Plan Update, Village Homes Survey for Eligible Historic District Consideration, and Other Commission Goals prioritization. Commissioner Jacobs stated for the record that he lives in the University Estates and will recuse himself from the discussions.

Chairperson Montgomery introduced the College Park workplan and explained the status. By consensus, without vote, the Commission believes that efforts to accomplish this long-standing goal should be made, and encouraged staff to complete the internal review of the draft Ordinances and Design Guidelines so that the Commission and the College Park neighborhood would be able to participate in its review.

Chairperson Montgomery and Commissioner Jacobs recused themselves for the deliberation of the University Estates and Elmwood subdivisions. Commissioner

Hickman, as the acting Chairperson and a member of ad-hoc subcommittee on the Elmwood subdivision, provided background on Elmwood subdivision. He reminded the Commission of the past action to deem Elmwood not a potential historic district given fewer potential resources in the subdivision. He explained that the next step of reporting and having the City Council act on this Commission determination is still pending.

He provided background on the ad-hoc subcommittee's work on the University Estates, recognizing the hard work of former Commissioners Lowry and Van Meter, including Commission Wan. However, he shared with the Commission his personal view that approximately 463 properties are excessive to be called an historic district. Given that Chairperson Montgomery and Commissioner Jacobs plus Vice-chairperson Miltenberger were not available to participate and both Lowry and Van Meter are no longer members of the Commission, it was difficult to hold a full deliberation on his position regarding University Estates. It was tabled until the next meeting in which Vice-chairperson Miltenberger is expected to be present.

Chairperson Montgomery resumed chair and opened deliberation about Village Homes. It was the consensus that Village Homes has significance in the City and deserves to be evaluated for historic integrity as a historic district. Given the loss of two of the ad-hoc subcommittee on Village Homes, new volunteers are needed. Commissioners Laleh and Marino indicated interests. However, Commissioner Laleh informed the Commission that she lives within the subdivision, and wondered if she is conflicted. Staff Liaison Njoku asked Commission Laleh to email the City Clerk to verify.

Chairperson Montgomery asked if Commissioners have suggestions of other Commission workplan. She has some ideas of public education and updating the historic resources (Davis Register) online so as keep it up-to-date and easily accessible.

8. Current Ad-Hoc HRMC Subcommittees.

Chairperson Montgomery indicated that there are no changes to be made, and that once the new Commissioners are comfortable, there could volunteer as needed. She pointed out that this is not a standing subcommittee due to potential Brown Act violation, rather a temporary subcommittee.

9. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners and Liaisons.

Chairperson Montgomery and Commissioner Hickman informed about Commission about a meeting with Mayor Partida at 1410 Clara Lane, which the Commission had recommended for designation. Mayor Partida represents this district, hence the invitation to tour the home. It was anticipated that the designation hearing would take place next month, May, during the proclamation of May as a Historic Preservation Month.

The Clara Lane homeowners, the Douglas, are excited about the prospect of having the property designated as a Merit Resource.

10. Adjourn.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 16, 2022. The location is yet to be determined, but start times remains 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Hickman and seconded by Marino. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.