



City of Davis
Historical Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 17, 2023
7:00 PM

Location: Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616

Commissioners: Erin Montgomery (Chairperson), David Hickman, Lindsay Busse, Marcus Marino (Alternate)

Absent: Scott Miltenberger, Arianna Laleh, Jordan Jacobs, Ning Wan

Staff Liaison: Eric Lee, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order by Chair Montgomery at 7:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda.
 - D. Hickman moved, seconded by M. Marino, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Busse, Hickman, Marino, Montgomery
NOES: None
ABSENT: Miltenberger, Lalaeh, Jacobs, Wan
3. Public Comment. None
4. Consent Calendar.
 - A. November 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes
Approved
 - B. 2021-2022 Annual CLG Report acceptance.
Informational. The 2021-2022 Annual CLG Report was submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation on March 24, 2023.
 - D. Hickman moved, seconded by M. Marino to approve consent calendar. Motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Busse, Hickman, Marino, Montgomery
NOES: None
ABSENT: Miltenberger, Lalaeh, Jacobs, Wan
5. Museum Report.
Merrily Dupree, Hattie Weber Museum Director: Summarized current exhibits at the museum and volunteer project focused on community outreach. Informed city last month regarding potential water intrusion at the museum building, but issue has not been addressed yet.

E. Lee: Will confer with staff on potential water intrusion.

6. Regular Items.

A. Amtrak Station Accessibility Improvements

Sophia Jones-Bradford, Amtrak project manager for Davis station: Project started approximately two years ago, focused on bringing station into compliance with ADA requirements. Anticipate final design approved in 2024 and construction 2025-2027. Designer of record is WSP. City of Davis, Union Pacific and CCJPA are stakeholders, consultation with all parties will continue throughout project. Amtrak has agreed to work with the City to provide a connection to south Davis as a component of the project.

Overview of two options of 30% design for the Amtrak ADA / Olive Drive Shared Use Path Connection:

- (1) Overcrossing of the tracks with stairs and elevators down to the new platform and a shared use path that connects the parking lot to the overcrossing and then to Olive Drive.
- (2) Undercrossing of the tracks with an ADA accessible ramp from the station to the new platform at the center of the tracks, and then continues on to a shared use path that connects to Olive Drive.

Both options will impact parking and trees.

Public comment:

Alan Miller, representing Old East Davis Neighborhood Association: Reviewed both designs. Concerned about height and scale and pollution from overcrossing, negative impact will be increased at night when lit. Support undercrossing design, less elevation change and visibility. As individual: Overpass structure is massive, doesn't fit in small station. Overcrossing does not provide a safe route to school.

Commissioners received the informational presentation, and provided comments:

- Asked about contact with tribes that will occur
- Location for potential third rail is sited too close to building
- Suggest shadow analysis of overpass height
- HRMC may have CEQA role but no formal role in Section 106 process

B. Revised Historical Resource Analysis for the Newman Catholic Center, 514 C Street and 413 Fifth Street

Senior Planner Eric Lee: The commission reviewed the Historical Resource Analysis (HRA) prepared by Historic Resource Associates for the Newman Catholic Center on February 28, 2022 and provided a number of comments. The applicant has addressed the comments and submitted a revised HRA and California Department of Parks and Recreation 523 (DPR-523) form.

Dana Supernowicz: Historic Resource Associates: National Register treats churches differently to remove inherent bias. Idea is to focus on architecture and not on social value to community; assumption is that all religious institutions provide value to community. Provided historical background of church buildings, and design changes from original plans and usage over time. Additional detail is provided in report, but conclusions and recommendations remain the same.

Public comments:

Ruth Asmundson: Support project and proceeding to next steps.

Tiffany Eilhardt, representing Diocese of Sacramento: Will be pursuing merit resource status on property, want to start planning for future projects.

Commissioners provided comments:

- Anticipate next step is public hearing and recommendation to Council to designate as historic resource.
- When commission nominates as resource, should make sure that property boundary, character defining features, and period of significance are clearly defined.

D. Hickman moved, seconded by L. Busse, to accept the revised Historical Resources Analysis and DPR-523 form prepared by Historic Resource Associates for the Newman Center located at 514 C Street and 413 Fifth Street for acceptance into the City's cultural resources inventory. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Busse, Hickman, Marino, Montgomery

NOES: None

ABSENT: Miltenberger, Lalaeh, Jacobs, Wan

C. Public Hearing: 61 College Park Certificate of Appropriateness

Senior Planner Eric Lee: College Park is located in a historic district, but no formal design guidelines for the area have been adopted. Overview of proposed project and staff recommendation.

Chair Montgomery opened the public hearing.

Zachary Meade, architect: Summarized project. In the absence of guidelines, design focused on using period architecture and modernizing interior. No changes to building envelope. Request determination that project generally complies with Secretary of Interior's Standards and is consistent with and supportive of characterization of district.

Derek Smith, homeowner: Interested in combining old and new styles. Want to keep the historic style where possible.

D. Hickman moved, seconded by M. Marino, as follows:

1. Determine that the proposed remodel project for Certificate of Appropriateness #02-23 (PA#23-10) for 61 College Park meets the necessary standards for approval, subject to the Findings and Conditions of Approval
2. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331, which exempts the maintenance and repair of historical properties consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Busse, Hickman, Marino, Montgomery
NOES: None
ABSENT: Miltenberger, Lalaeh, Jacobs, Wan

7. Business Items. None.

8. Current Ad-Hoc HRMC Subcommittees.

HRMC Development	Hickman & Miltenberger
University Estates	Miltenberger & Wan
Village Homes	Hickman & Wan
College Park Management Plan	Miltenberger & Montgomery
WPA Markings & Building	Miltenberger & Laleh
Downtown Plan Update	Hickman, Jacobs; & Miltenberger

The following subcommittees have concluded their work and will be dissolved:

1. Downtown Plan Update Subcommittee
2. Village Homes Subcommittee

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

E. Montgomery: Attended Village Homes HOA meeting. Explained to neighborhood that commission understands they are not interested in pursuing designation and commission is not currently considering a historic district. If interested in preserving historic nature in the future, can continue conversation.

D. Hickman: Remaining buildings from last meeting, 340 G Street and 512 Fifth Street. Commission didn't make recommendations on the properties. Can bring back both location for future commission action.

E. Montgomery: June meeting will include a goodbye to outgoing commissioners. Consider scheduling public hearing for church site resource status. Consult with church representatives.

E. Lee: New Council liaison assigned to commission—Will Arnold. Varsity Theater has a new proposed mural; City prepared a Certificate of Appropriateness for project.

10. Upcoming Meetings: Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 15, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.