



**City of Davis**  
**Historic Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

Commissioners Present: Erin Montgomery (Chairperson), Arianna Laleh, Dan Castaneda, Lindsay Busse, Ning Wan

Absent: Marcus Marino

Staff Present: Eric Lee (Senior Planner), Sherri Metzker (Community Development Director), Ryan Chapman (City Traffic Engineer)

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. and took roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Wan questioned why her request to review 240 G Street was not on the agenda and why the commission was reviewing street signage.

Commissioner Laleh moved to approve. Commissioner Castaneda seconded.

Commissioner Wan voted No. Agenda approved (4-1).

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons

Announcements from staff included updates on status of the Elmwood Neighborhood resolution for council that it is not eligible; Bike Lanes Nomination submittal to SHPO to be done; Amtrak Depot expected administrative COA for minor repairs and maintenance; Administrative COA at College Park for the ADU; Additional Downtown Evaluations being done; update on Council Subcommittee on Commission reorganization ideas.

Meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Chair Montgomery communication item asked about the status of the Draft College Park Design Guidelines which is currently in city hands, and would like to see it completed.

4. Public Comment

Public comment from Alan Miller, resident of Old East, expressed the importance of the HRMC and its role in reviewing projects and the traditional neighborhoods; Concerned about the city moving away from recognizing city history; Surprised that no one from the commission spoke at the council meeting about the commission reorganization and hope that they do speak; Want to see progress but also want to see historical preservation.

5. Consent Calendar

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Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve. Commissioner Castaneda seconded. Commissioner Busse abstained. Minutes approved (4-0 with one abstention)

6. Business Item

A. Vice Chair Selection.

HRMC selected a vice chair. Commissioners Wan and Castaneda volunteered and expressed their interest and background. Commission voted one vote for Wan and four votes for Castaneda. Commissioner Castaneda selected as Vice Chair.

7. Regular Items

A. Museum Report.

Hattie Weber Museum Directors John Cain or Merrily Dupree were unable to attend but provided a written update for Staff Liaison Lee to read to the Commission. It addressed building maintenance, volunteer activities and exhibits, and recent donations.

Meeting recessed at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

B. Pony Express Historic Trail Road Signage.

City Traffic Engineer Chapman provided background, presented the proposal, and asked for endorsement by the commission. The proposal would need to be brought to City Council for their approval. There were no commission concerns.

Commissioner Wan moved to support the Caltrans grant-funded project to install four Pony Express historical trail street signs in the city at the locations proposed. Commissioner Laleh seconded. Motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

C. WPA Sidewalk Stamps Draft Report and Inventory

Planner Lee introduced the item and community volunteer Karen Moore provided background on the report and inventory and described the challenges of preserving the stamps in an ad hoc way and the need to formalize the process if they were to be preserved. Moore outlined her thoughts on the stamps that seemed worthy of preservation and a city policy or Public Works standards and language in the neighborhood design

guidelines that could be enacted for that purpose. Commissioners asked questions about stamps that were preserved or relocated, expressed support of their preservation, noted the need for the cooperation of Public Works, and directed a subcommittee of Commissioner Laleh and Castaneda to work with Moore on options and ideas.

D. 2022-2023 CLG Annual Report Review

Planner Lee presented the draft Certified Local Government (CLG) Program Annual Report which is due to the state in April 2024, asked for feedback from the Commission and noted that it would be provided to the City Council for their information before submitting to the state. Commissioner Laleh noted that her email address in it should be updated. Commissioner Castaneda asked that the question about OHP funds for training be changed to yes. Other commissioners agreed. Commissioner Castaneda moved to approve the report with the changes. Commissioner Laleh seconded. Motion unanimously approved 5-0.

8. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates.

A. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

There was no subcommittee communication to report. Ad-hoc subcommittees were updated and subcommittees with no specific tasks were disbanded, leaving one subcommittee on the WPA markings which was tasked to work with the community volunteer Moore and return to the Commission with ideas for their preservation. Vice-Chair Castaneda was assigned to join Commissioner Laleh on the subcommittee.

WPA Markings                      Castaneda & Laleh

B. Liaison Report on Discussions or Activities

None currently.

9. Long Range Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items  
March 18, 2024 is the next regularly scheduled meeting, but was not expected to be scheduled. Confirmation email will be provided.

10. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.