



City of Davis
Historic Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616
Monday, April 15, 2024
7:00 PM

Commissioners Present: Erin Montgomery (Chair), Dan Castaneda (Vice-Chair), Arianna Laleh, Lindsay Busse, Marcus Marino, Ning Wan

Staff Present: Eric Lee (Senior Planner), Sherri Metzker (Community Development Director)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and took roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Commissioner Marino. Seconded by Castaneda. Approved unanimously (6-0).

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

Announcements from staff about completed administrative COA for 21 College Park, processing administrative COA for 334 I Street, staff visit to 48 College Park to see collectibles and items of potential city interest of the previous owner, and brief update on Council subcommittee on commission reorganization and commission recruitment.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Historical Resources Management Commission Minutes, February 26, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve by Commissioner Laleh. Seconded by Commissioner Marino. Approved unanimously (6-0).

6. Regular Items

A. Museum Report.

Hattie Weber Museum Co-Director John Cain provided the museum report on activities including updating the permanent exhibits and examining the collections, volunteer effort on the “Ride a Double Decker – Spare the Air” exhibit related to the history of the Unitrans double decker buses, and an update related to individuals who had been camped out near the WPA storage building, but are no longer present. City staff will share information to relevant staff.

B. PG&E Building Demolition Historic Review.

Planner Lee presented the architectural information related to the proposed demolition of two buildings located at the PG&E Service Center at 316 L Street. Mimi Taylor from RIM Architects was in attendance to represent the applicant.

Commissioner comments included questions about inability to visit on-site, but buildings are visible from street and photographs were provided. Chair Montgomery expressed agreement with the study citing the conclusions that the buildings were not associated with any historic events, did not have architectural merit and had been altered over the years.

Motion by Commissioner Marino to move staff’s recommendation accepting the report’s conclusions that the buildings were not eligible to be considered for historic designation. Seconded by Commissioner Busse. Motion approved 5-1.

Ayes: Montgomery, Castaneda, Marino, Busse, Laleh
Noes: Wan

C. WPA Stamps Subcommittee Update

Commissioners Castaneda and Laleh provided an update the subcommittee work and their discussions with community volunteer Karen Moore and reviewed the issues and questions in their written summary related the preservation of the stamps and options, Public Works standards and procedures, education for the public, and possible next steps. The purpose is to check in with the rest of the commission before continuing. And clarification that this effort includes the Bower’s Addition stamps.

Comment about expanding scope to address historic sidewalk pattern of expansion joints. Volunteer Moore clarified that Public Works has incorporated standards for the Old North (Bower’s Addition) area to maintain

the traditional sidewalk pattern, but does not believe similar standards are in place elsewhere such as downtown due to different priorities.

Comments about need to involve and coordinate with the Public Works Department for any preservation effort. Staff offered to facilitate a meeting with Public Works and the subcommittee if desired.

Commission expressed general support for the subcommittee's works and its continuance.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates.

Chair Montgomery noted that the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on the WPA Markings already provided an update.

8. Long Range Calendar: Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items
Planner Lee noted that May 20, 2024 is the next regularly scheduled meeting with a potential item being review of the Downtown Survey Updates.

9. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Marino. Seconded by Commissioner Wan. Approved unanimously (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.
