



**City of Davis**  
**Historic Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616**  
**Monday, June 17, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Staff: Eric Lee (Senior Planner), Dara Dungworth (Principal Planner)

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call  
Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and took roll call.
2. Approval of Agenda  
Moved by Commissioner Marino. Seconded by Commissioner Busse. Agenda approved (6-0).
3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons  
Announcement by staff included updates on Council reorganization of city commissions, Council recruitment for commission vacancies, and the recent administrative approval of tile reroofing on one of the non-historic buildings at the Davis Community Church site.
4. Public Comment  
No public comment.
5. Consent Calendar
  - A. Historical Resources Management Commission Minutes, April 15, 2024  
Moved by Commissioner Laleh. Seconded by Commissioner Castaneda.  
Minutes approved (6-0).
6. Regular Items
  - A. Museum Report. (*Merrily Dupree, Museum Directors*)  
Director Dupree presented the museum report. Museum has been in contact with several community members on information related to a video on Narcissus Pena who lived at the house on D and 4<sup>th</sup> Street (now demolished; by John Lofland looking for information on a visit to Davis by Jack London and his wife; and another person for information related to the museum's "Davis Bus to Alabama 1965" exhibit for an online archive.

Other new includes revisions the museum's older permanent exhibits and also a temporary exhibit "Davis Olympians." Update was provided on the situation of people camping next to the WPA building and issues related to it. Information on visitor counts was provided.

B. Downtown Davis Historic Inventory. (*Eric Lee, Senior Planner; Becky Urbano, Environmental Science Associates*)

Planner Lee provided an overview of the downtown survey effort and brief synopsis of the findings of the 49 DPR evaluation forms and updates being presented from the 2023 and 2024 surveys prepared by Environmental Science Associates. Planner Lee also presented the HRA and survey form provided for 724 and 730 G Street that were commissioned separately by the property owner. Consultant Urbano provided additional background, context, and the intent of the city's survey effort for the downtown area. She noted that the 2015 city-wide survey provided the local context for the periods of significance and also clarified that the evaluations included recommendations regarding the surveyed properties but that that the recommendations were not binding and that the local jurisdiction has the authority to determine the extent of the local historical significance.

Commissioner Wan commented on the former design guidelines for the downtown area and historic status of the downtown area. Commissioner Castaneda clarified that the commission is not currently being asked to make a recommendation to formally designate any of the properties identified as eligible, but instead that if the surveys for the properties deemed eligible are accepted, those eligible properties could be considered for designation at a future date. Commissioner Busse requested that future surveys include a statement that potential archaeological resources are not addressed, if that is the case as in these ones.

Commission recessed at approximately 29.47 minute mark. Resumed.

Public comment included question about the process for designating a site and about the status of the downtown area. Staff clarified that the downtown area is not a designated historic district. Comment from Dan Dowling, property owner of several surveyed properties including 222 D Street and 305 E Street, that he was not opposed to the research and historical information. He stated that 305 E Street was previously surveyed and considered by the HRMC in 1997 and provided minutes from the January 27, 1997 HRMC meeting when the it was previously discussed. Dowling asked that the site not be designated.

Port Tellis, owner of 724 and 730 G Street, asked about a typo in the agenda and staff report referencing these two sites and that it should state that that the survey recommended the two properties are not eligible for designation. Staff confirmed the mistake.

The commission took the following actions.

Commissioner Marino moved staff recommendation #1. Second by Commissioner Busse.

1. Review the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) evaluation forms and updates for 49 downtown properties prepared by Environmental Science Associates for the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Historical Survey; and
  - a) Find the following properties eligible to be considered for designation as historical resources, as recommended in their evaluation forms:
    - 222 D Street;
    - 304 F Street;
    - 305 E Street;
    - 325 E Street;
    - 414 E Street;
  - b) Find that the remaining surveyed properties are ineligible for designation as historical resources, as recommended in their evaluation forms;
  - c) Find the evaluation forms acceptable for inclusion in the City's Cultural Resources Inventory.

AYES: Montgomery, Castaneda, Laleh, Busse, Marino

NOES: Wan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 5-1.

Commissioner Marino moved to amend the agenda to correct they typo regarding 724 and 730 G Street survey recommendation. Second by Commissioner Laleh.

AYES: Montgomery, Castaneda, Laleh, Busse, Marino, Wan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 6-0.

Commissioner Wan asked about the information in the survey for 724 and 730 G Street and had difficulty downloading the document. Commissioner Laleh noted that the survey for 724 and 730 G Street was thorough. Commissioner Marino agreed.

Commissioner Marino moved amended staff recommendation #2. Second by Commissioner Laleh.

2. Review the Historical Resources Analysis and DPR evaluation form prepared by Historic Resource Associates for 724 and 730 G Street, which recommended that the properties are not eligible for designation as a historical resource and find it acceptable for inclusion in the City's Cultural Resources Inventory.

AYES: Montgomery, Castaneda, Laleh, Busse, Marino

NOES: Wan

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 5-1.

Chair Montgomery clarified whether action was needed for #3 regarding providing the HRMC's determinations on the surveys to City Council for their confirmation. Staff noted it was not required and that it was standard procedure similar to what was done when the HRMC reviewed the previous sets of downtown surveys and that staff would be providing the surveys and HRMC's determinations to City Council at a future date.

## 7. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates.

### A. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

- WPA Markings (Castaneda & Laleh)  
Subcommittee will be meeting with Public Works. No further update.

Chair Montgomery asked about status of College Park District Plan.

## 8. Long Range Calendar.

July 15, 2024 is the next regularly scheduled meeting, but will be cancelled if there are no items to discuss.

## 9. Adjournment.

Commissioner Marino moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Laleh. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.