



City of Davis
Historic Resources Management Commission Meeting Minutes
Senior Center, 646 A Street, Activity Room, Davis, CA 95616
Monday, August 19, 2024
7:00 PM

Commissioners: Erin Montgomery (Chair), Lindsay Busse, Marcus Marino,

Absent: Dan Castaneda, Arianna Laleh, Ning Wan

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

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Montgomery called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and took roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Marino. Seconded by Commissioner Busse. Agenda approved (3-0).

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

None.

4. Public Comment

Commenter Hiram Jackson spoke about the upcoming Measure T to finance operations at the new South Davis Branch Library and encouraged everyone to support and vote.

5. Consent Calendar

A. Historical Resources Management Commission Minutes, June 17, 2024

Moved by Commissioner Marino. Seconded by Commissioner Busse. Minutes approved (3-0).

6. Regular Items

A. Museum Report. (*Merrily Dupree, Museum Directors*)

Director Dupree presented the museum report and provided an update on the recent "Davis Olympians" and "UCD Beginnings" exhibit, a visit from summer camp students working on a class video documentary project on Davis history. The report noted the situation with campers has been stable but noted concerns about maintenance of museum grounds and landscaping and concerns about health of nearby trees. The report noted increased visitor counts and also stated their interest in a plaque for the WPA building and hope for Commission help with it.

B. Davis Community Church Admin Office Building Windows at 412 C Street - Planning Application #24-42 for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) #04-24. (*Eric Lee, Senior Planner*)

Planner Lee presented project information and background. Commissioner Marino asked about the option of providing windows with mullions and loss of general building character and interest without them. Without mullions, there is a more commercial look. Applicant discussed the additional cost based on their discussions with window companies. Commissioner Marino asked them to seek more information and other estimates and confirm whether they were quoting true mullions or less expensive pop-in ones and recommended keeping a diagonal grid. Commissioner Montgomery was okay with the window change noting the building is not historic and felt that the window change would not be detrimental and was similar to windows on other newer portions.

Commissioner Marino moved to affirm the process with the understanding that the applicant would investigate cost options of mullions.. Second by Commissioner Busse.

1. Affirm that the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA#04-24) may be processed administratively.

AYES: Busse, Marino, Montgomery

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 3-0.

C. 305 E Street Historic Designation. Planning Application #24-36. (*Eric Lee, Senior Planner*)

Planner Lee presented the project to redevelop the site which would include demolition of the existing buildings that had recently been surveyed in the 2023 and 2024 Downtown Survey. The surveys were previously reviewed by the HRMC, which recommended 305 E Street as eligible as a Local Merit.

Applicant representative, Justin Zucker, spoke about the site and history expressing the owner's concern if it is designated. He noted the recent downtown plan which envisions redevelopment of the downtown with the type of dense housing development which is proposed and cited changes to the porch and front entry and other building modifications that impact its integrity and should render it ineligible.

Public comment from Alan Miller expressed a loss and lack of historic structures in Davis and lack of houses of this era in the downtown. He is supportive of new buildings but believes this house is worth saving.

Commissioner Busse asked if an archaeological investigation had been done on the site. Commissioner Marino comments included that the building's public-facing façade provided interest and added character to the city, concern if the building is lost, but observed that the other buildings on the project site were in disrepair, had less character, and were not eligible, but that 305 E Street was a valuable resource. Commissioner Montgomery comments noted the earlier surveys of the site with the latest one being the first one to recommend it for designation and noting changes to the building such as the entry location which is important and substantial feature. It was mentioned that the city has generally avoided moving forward with a designation without the owner's consent and that even if it is designated, it does not mean that the structure won't be demolished. Commissioner Marino expressed that there are not many examples of similar buildings downtown and that if they are not maintained, the City will lose its history. Commissioner Busse asked about moving the building, but the applicant indicated there were no options to relocate.

Commissioner Marino moved the following motion to recommend designation. Second by Commissioner Busse.

1. Recommend to City Council introduction of an Ordinance designating 305 E Street as a Merit Resource in the Davis Register of Historical Resources

AYES: Busse, Marino

NOES: Montgomery

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved 2-1.

Commissioner Marino moved the following motion to confirm previous determinations on the other three properties. Second by Commissioner Busse.

2. Confirm the HRMC's previous acceptance of the historical evaluations and determinations for 503, 509, and 515 3rd Street as ineligible for designation.

AYES: Busse, Marino, Montgomery

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None
Motion approved 2-1.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates.

A. Ad-Hoc Subcommittees

- WPA Markings (Castaneda & Laleh)

None. Public comment by Alan Miller noted markings in Old East. Commission suggested getting him in contact with the subcommittee or community volunteer Karen Moore.

8. Long Range Calendar.

September 16, 2024 is the next regularly scheduled meeting and is expected to be held to review the DPR form for Cindy's Restaurant.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.