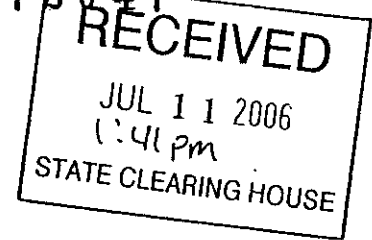


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Notice of Preparation

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NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING AND PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

FROM: City of Davis
Community Development Department
23 Russell Boulevard
Davis, California 95616

TO: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Notice of Scoping Meeting and Preparation of A Draft Environmental Impact Report for 203 G Street/719 Second Street -- Anderson Bank Building Window Project

SCOPING MEETING: On Monday, July 17, 2006 starting at 7:30 p.m. the City of Davis Historical Resources Management Commission will conduct a public scoping meeting to solicit input and comments from public agencies and general public on the proposed draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Anderson Bank Building Window project. **This meeting will be held at the Hattie Weber Museum located at 526 C Street, Davis, California (at the corner of Fifth and C Streets in Central Park).**

Another public scoping meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Boulevard. If you have any question about this scoping meeting, contact Ike Njoku at injoku@cityofdavis.org.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION: This is to notify public agencies and general public that the City of Davis as the Lead Agency, will prepare a draft EIR for the Anderson Bank Building Window project. The city is interested in the input and/or comments of public agencies and general public as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, and public input. Public agencies will need to use the EIR prepared by the city when considering applicable permits, or other approval for the proposed project.

Project Title: Anderson Bank Building Window Project

Project Location: 203 G Street/719 Second Street

COMMENT PERIOD: Consistent with the time limits mandated by State law, your input, comments or responses must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

COMMENTS/INPUT: Please send your input, comments or responses to (including the name for a contact person in your agency): Attn: Mr. Ike Njoku, City of Davis Community Development Department, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616; injoku@cityofdavis.org



PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Anderson Bank Building is considered to meet the definition of a Historic Resource set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is designed as a City of Davis Landmark. The proposed project consists of two equal weight alternatives, which are described herein as Design Options A and B. Design Option A would involve the installation of four new windows in the bulkhead beneath the existing brick sills that anchor the four arched windows sited along the east and south building elevations. Each new window would measure approximately 5' x 2', and would comprise the wall section between the soldier-and-rowlock brick base and the brick window sill. No other changes are proposed as part of Design Option A. Design Option B would result in the removal of the existing brick sill, ornamental end panels, and the installation of a new window with a tri-partite sash that is similar to the sash pattern currently incorporated in the building windows. A squared bracket/cap is proposed for installation on the wall in place of the existing historic end panels. No other changes are proposed as part of Design Option B.

Project Objectives: The City has identified the following project objectives:

- Respect the character of the historic building and the conservation district;
- Maintain an attractive historic building (Landmark) at this prominent downtown corner;
- Increase foot traffic on Second and G Streets, while providing an enhanced pedestrian friendly environment; and
- Avoid an economic hardship for the property owner by
 - a. Not diminishing the value of the property,
 - b. Providing opportunities for a reasonable rental returns, and
 - c. Making the rental of spaces within property practical.

Project Alternatives: In addition to the project Design Options A and B, the following project alternatives are proposed to be evaluated in the draft EIR:

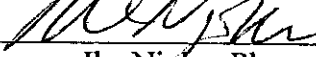
Alternative 1 – No Project: This means no changes to the Anderson Bank Building in any form beyond its present condition.

Alternative 2 – Restoration: This entails the restoration of the Anderson Bank Building, which will involve the removal of the existing awnings and other fixtures not considered part of the historic features of the building.

Areas Of Potential Impacts: Based on the Initial Study, the EIR will examine the following areas of potential impacts; aesthetics and cultural resources. The Initial Study shows that all other environmental factors would have less than significant impacts.

Initial Study: An Initial Study has been prepared for this project that provides a discussion of all pertinent environmental issue areas. A copy of the Initial Study is available for review at the Community Development Department at City Hall located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616

DATE: July 11, 2006

Signature: 
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