



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, April 20, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Richard Rifkin (Vice Chair), Keren Costanzo, Gale Sosnick, Clifton McFarland and Jonathon Howard

Commissioners Absent: Mark Beason (Excused Absences, new baby)

Staff Present: Ike Njoku & Catherine McCort

1. Call to Order. Chair Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Costanzo moved, seconded by Commissioner McFarland, to approve the agenda with modification by removing duplicated item. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Costanzo, Sosnick, Herbert, Howard, McFarland, Rifkin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Beason,

3. Approval of Minutes.

Action: Commissioner Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to approve the March 16, 2009 minutes with minor edits. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Costanzo, Sosnick, Herbert, Howard, McFarland, Rifkin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Beason

4. Public Communications. There were no public communications.

5. Written Communications. Materials were circulated prior to the meeting for review by the commissioners.

6. Museum Report. Museum Director Jim Becket gave a brief report. He has been in email contact with Bob Dunning with regards to the museum. He also mentioned that the Bicycle Hall of Fame and the Bicycle Museum would contribute to tourism. This increased tourism would benefit efforts to preserve historical sites, which he feels should be encouraged.

7. Staff and Commissioner Comments. Staff Liaison Ike Njoku announced that there is a new Commission, Aaron Sikes who could not make tonight's meeting. He reminded Commissioners about the upcoming OHP training on Monday, April 27, 2009 at Veteran Memorial Theatre beginning at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Sosnick shared information on an article from the *San Francisco Chronicle* that has drawings showing various types of buildings and their years, and an architectural book *The Language of Doors* that discusses the aspects and the feel of traditional and historical houses.

8. Business Items.

A. Landmark Sign Update

Staff liaison Njoku updated the Commission on progresses made since the last meeting, which included site visit with the sign company representative, staff, and Vice-chairperson Rifkin. He mentioned that City Council has approved a \$15,000 budget for the Landmark Sign project, but that City Council had encouraged the commission to find a way to reduce the costs. He further explained that the High School is unable to assist with the manufacturing of the cast bronze sign, and there are no Davis (local) sign companies found that could produce the signs are lower and reasonable price as directed by City Council. He indicated that efforts were made to locate Woodland sign companies without success. Vice-chairperson Rifkin explained modifications made relative to sign locations during the site visit. He indicated that efforts were made to minimize installing signs at locations that would attract vandalism or cause damage to the buildings. However, he indicated that Varsity Theatre was a challenge, but a location on the eastern wall adjacent to the Ice Cream store appears to be an appropriate location for the cast bronze sign. The commissioners discussed the item, edited the proposed verbiage for the signs, and achieved consensus on the following: 1) staff should proceed to contract with Ellis and Ellis Sign Company to manufacture and install the signs, 2) costs estimate provided is acceptable, and 3) there should be a press release and City Council involvement on the installation of the signs – the City Hall, 23 Russell Boulevard should be a place to celebrate the installation of the signs.

B. 2009 Historic Award

Staff Liaison Njoku reported that there was no nomination applications received for 2009 Preservation Award. The Commission received the report.

C. Commission's Goals Update

The Commission discussed the staff changes and concluded that it is acceptable as drafted. However, the Commission asked staff to add a fifth goal, which requires further research with the City Attorney. The fifth goal is to "Explore funding raising activities, which will generate monies to embark on some Commission goals that require funding."

D. Windshield Survey Update – Chairperson Herbert presenting

Chair Herbert reported that he had begun collecting information for the windshield survey with assistance of graduate student from Sacramento State University. This student has found 10 surviving historic buildings and compiled building descriptions for each one, which will be donated along with an updated form on the Haussler Farm to the City of Davis.

E. Potential Designation of Resources Discussion -- Vice Chairperson Rifkin Leading

The Commission will discuss properties identified from existing survey as eligible for designation relative to formal recommendation to City Council for adoption. The commissioners will review the existing survey after the April 27 training and submit their recommendations to staff liaison Ike Njoku by May 11, 2009 for discussion during the May 18, 2009 meeting.

F. Monday, April 27, 2009 OHP Training Reminder

The training will take place at 7:00pm at the Veterans Memorial Theatre located at 203 14th Street

9. Adjournment.

The next meeting will be May 18, 2009 at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 PM.

Action: Commissioner Sosnick moved, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Costanzo, Sosnick, Herbert, Howard, McFarland, Rifkin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Beason

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.