



**Historical Resources Management Commission
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California
Corner of 5th and C Streets in Central Park
Monday, November 16, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Richard Rifkin (Vice Chair), Clifton McFarland, Mark Beason, Karen Costanzo, and Jonathon Howard

Commissioners Absent: Gale Sosnick (Excused)

Staff Present: Ike Njoku & Catherine McCort

1. Call to Order. Chairperson Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Commissioner Costanzo moved, seconded by Commissioner McFarland, to approve the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Action: Commissioner Howard moved, seconded by Vice Chairperson Rifkin, to approve the October 19, 2009 minutes with some minor edits. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

4. Public Communications. None

5. Written Communications. Staff Liaison Ike Njoku handed out written materials to the Commission

6. Museum Report. Museum Director Jim Becket reported that the museum is in its third week of a very successful exhibit of Davis schools. He also reported that the dedication of

the Mother's Day Memorial Bricks in the rose garden will take place on Saturday, November 21, 2009. He announced that during the month of December 2009, the museum will have its annual Christmas display, followed by an exhibit starting in January 2010 showcasing the history of Davis industries. He attributed the museum's current success to Assistant Director Dennis Dingemans and Exhibits Chair Mary Lee Thomson.

7. Staff and Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Costanzo circulated the book *A Field Guide to American Houses* as a useful guide to architecture and character defining features. Vice-chairperson Rifkin announced that he will go before City Council on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 to announce the installation of the Davis City Landmark signs and plaques. Vice-chairperson Rifkin also reported that he attended the Civic Arts Commission meeting, and that the Commission decided to move the gas pump/solar charger art-work installation to the historic Lincoln Highway. Staff liaison Ike Njoku introduced Deputy City Manager Kelly Stachowicz who presented information on the proposal by the Human Relations Commission to plant some olive trees and erect a plaque at either the Southern Pacific Depot or at City Hall in recognition of the different cultures and people of the Middle East. She asked the Commission if this plan needed to be brought before it for formal input. The Commission indicated it did not need to be consulted about minor landscape improvements.

8. Public Hearing.

A. 337 D Street Preapplication #1-09 to Determine Whether a Historical Resources Analysis Prepared for the Property Located at 337 D Street is Complete and Acceptable; (Owners, 4th D LLC – A contributor to Potential Historic District)

Staff Liaison Njoku introduced the historical resources analysis report prepared by ICF Jones & Stokes for 337 D Street, and asked that the Commission review the report for completeness and acceptance. Consultant Patricia Ambacher presented the report indicating that the 337 D property is eligible for designation as a city Landmark given its architecture, but not due to its association with the Peña Family. The Commission asked questions and directed that some minor edits be made to the report regarding language, period of significance, character defining features, and neighborhood setting. Sue Barton, one of the property owners, indicated that the owners accept the consultant's historical analysis report with reservation given the issues already raised in their letter attached to the City staff report, including those comments noted by the Commission.

Action: Commissioner Costanzo moved, seconded by commissioner Howard, to accept the Historical Resources Analysis Report prepared for the property located at 337 D Street with the recommended modification as final, with the understanding that Staff Liaison Njoku will circulate the revised report via email to the Commission for comments and possible further modification pending further discussion. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Sosnick

9. Business Items.

A. Training – Preparation of Inventory and Evaluation Forms (DPR523) as They Relate to City of Davis Resources Presented by Chairperson Rand Herbert, JRP Historical Consulting, LLC and Chairperson of the Commission.

Chairperson Herbert presented training in preparing Inventory and Evaluation Forms (DPR523) using the example of 514-520 C Street, the Newman Chapel and Rectory. This training qualified for a CLG training requirement.

B. Potential Designation of Resources Discussion

Due to time constraints the Commission postponed this item until the January 25, 2010 meeting. At that time the Commissioners will present Inventory and Evaluation Forms (DPR523) for additional City properties. Commissioner Costanzo will prepare a DPR523 form for 503 5th Street; Commissioner Rifkin will prepare a DPR523 form for 234 J Street; Commissioner Beason will prepare a DPR523 for 238 G Street; Commissioner Howard will prepare a DPR523 form for 201 Rice Lane; and Commissioner McFarland will prepare a DPR523 form for 402 I Street.

10. Adjournment. The next meeting will be **Monday, January 25, 2010** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.