

Hunt Boyer Tank House Project

Some big changes are coming this summer for the condemned tank house located between the Varsity Theatre and the historic Dresbach-Hunt-Boyer Mansion at 604 Second Street. A project has been approved to disassemble, reassemble, and rehabilitate the tank house on the west side of the mansion for potential public use as a visitor information kiosk or private commercial use.

The tank house was originally constructed in 1875 south of the mansion. The tank house was moved to its present location in 1979 to accommodate construction of the Mansion Square commercial development.

Over the years, attempts were made to use the tank house for a succession of small businesses. The city's chief building official condemned the pump house structure in 1998 after an investigation showing that the building was not structurally sound due to extensive rotting of the support timbers.

An environmental impact report was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Qual-



ity Act (CEQA). The Davis City Council then approved a proposal for the relocation and rehabilitation of the tank house which will comply with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic properties. This work will commence during the summer of 2009.

At the tank house site between the Varsity Theatre and the Dresbach-Hunt-Boyer Mansion (now city owned offices), a private developer will lease the site and construct a new two-story commercial building. The new building will include a ground floor café and a second floor office. The second floor will be "stepped back" to maintain full visibility of the Varsity's neon marquee.

When the project is completed in 2010, it will increase the vitality on the block and surrounding area, increase public use of the site, maintain compatibility with the adjacent historic resources and remedy an unsafe building for the protection of public health and safety.

For more information on the project, contact the City Manager's Office at (530) 757-5602.

Gymnastics Classes

The City of Davis Gymnastics & Dance Center offers recreational classes for children and adults ages one and older. The classes build individual self confidence and the skills needed to excel in all areas of life. Gymnastics and dance help social interactions, movement fundamentals, and self-esteem. Participants also develop skills that will enhance playing other sports. Gymnastics creates experiences to be remembered for years to come.

Registration for gymnastics and dance classes is available year-round.

A complete listing of class descriptions and schedules can be found in the city of Davis Recreation Schedule, online at www.cityofdavis.org or by calling (530) 757-5627 for more information.



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