



**Historical Resources Management Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Hattie Weber Museum – 445 C Street, Davis, California  
Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and C Streets in Central Park  
Monday, October 20, 2008**

Commissioners Present: Rand Herbert (Chair), Richard Rifkin (Vice Chair), Gale Sosnick, Keren Costanzo and Mark Beason

Staff Present: Ike Njoku and Nancy Stephenson

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**1. Call to Order.** Chair Herbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda.**

**Action:** Vice Chair Rifkin moved, seconded by Commissioner Costanzo, to approve the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Beason, Costanzo, Herbert, Rifkin, Sosnick

**NOES:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

**Action:** Commissioner Costanzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Beason, to approve the September 29, 2008 minutes as amended. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Beason, Costanzo, Herbert, Rifkin, Sosnick

**NOES:** None

**4. Public Communications.** None.

**5. Written Communications.** Staff Liaison Ike Njoku circulated written materials for review by the commissioners.

**6. Museum Report.** Hattie Weber Museum volunteer Director Jim Becket passed around a draft of *The History of Davis Lite*, a document designed as a handout for visitors to the Hattie Weber Museum. Becket requested feedback from the commissioners. He reported that there had been 65 visitors at the Museum on the past Saturday. He stated that John Lofland would be moving the monthly history buff meetings to the Senior Center. Becket outlined current and future exhibits, and added that the Museum is a popular rental venue, which means that the exhibits need to be taken down regularly to make way for the various events happening at the Museum.

**7. Staff and Commissioner Comments.** Staff Liaison Ike Njoku gave each commissioner a CD with photos that are a part of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) recordation for the Hunt-

Boyer Mansion and the Varsity Theatre. The commissioners will determine whether or not the photos are complete in their recordation of the character-defining features of the buildings. Chair Herbert recommended posting the HABS recordation documents on the City website for two years as a mitigation measure for the moving of the Hunt-Boyer Tankhouse.

In response to a suggestion by Vice Chair Rifkin, the commissioners appointed Chair Herbert to represent the Historical Resources Management Commission (HRMC) before the City Council at their November 5, 2008 meeting, when they will be acting on the appeal application for the proposed 233 B Street Project. The HRMC opposes the project. Njoku noted that the item may not be on the agenda for that meeting; however, it will be confirmed on October 21, 2008 after the City Department Heads Meeting.

Regarding a possible joint Planning Commission – HRMC meeting to discuss the *Davis Downtown and Traditional Residential Neighborhoods Design Guidelines*, Njoku stated that the meeting may take place some time next year, and that there needs to be more than one item to discuss at the meeting.

## **8. Business Items.**

### **A. Commission Projects.**

- Signage / Identification for City-owned Landmarks
- Commissioner Rifkin Updates Commission on the UC Davis Centennial Celebration Participation Opening Day Historic Data Displays
- Subcommittee's Final Report on the Update of the 2003 Historical Resources Inventory and the Commission's Direction to Staff

#### **Signage:**

Njoku informed the commissioners that the signs could not be done in-house as staff had originally believed. He said that staff suggested that the signs be ordered from a local vendor given that there would be no benefits to ordering them from out-of-state vendors. He stated that there is a possibility that Redevelopment funds could be used to purchase the signs.

The commissioners discussed sign-related issues, and directed questions to Paul Bennett, the owner of Action Signs, contacted by staff to provide input on the signage.

The commissioners appointed a subcommittee consisting of Chair Herbert, Vice Chair Rifkin and Commissioner Sosnick to determine the following:

- Locations for signs on city Landmark properties
- Sign types and materials
- Sign text
- Sign format
- Extra sign features
- Which signs to do first

It was noted that at least two of the signs are mitigation measures under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Tankhouse relocation, a fact that could help staff determine where funding for the signs should come from.

### **Centennial Celebration**

Njoku reported that the banners used in the Centennial Celebration worked very well and the City is requesting to keep the banners for other events. He stated that mistakes on the banners will be corrected and the banners will be laminated.

### **Update on Historical Resources Inventory**

The commissioners appointed a subcommittee consisting of Commissioner Beason, Commissioner Costanzo and Chair Herbert to do a windshield survey of buildings in the community to determine which ones should be included in the next historical survey update. The commissioners requested annexation maps, address maps and subdivision information to help in the survey. In addition, Chair Herbert asked staff for any information relating to the evolution of zoning in the city.

- 9. Adjournment.** The next meeting will be **Monday, November 17, 2008** at the Hattie Weber Museum (445 C Street) at 7:00 p.m.

**Action:** Commissioner Sosnick moved, seconded by Vice Chair Rifkin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Beason, Costanzo, Herbert, Rifkin, Sosnick  
**NOES:** None

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