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1. HARRINGTON PLACE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 16TH ANNUAL MEETING

The highlight of the DHS Annual Meeting, Sunday afternoon November 16, will be a tour of the newly completed Harrington Place in the 500 block of C Street.

Following the business meeting at the Hattie Weber Museum, which will run from 3 to 4 PM, attendees will walk one block to the Harrington Preservation/Construction project, which is mid-block on D Street between Fourth and Fifth.

At that location, Davis City Council Member and Attorney Mike Harrington has been rehabilitating and preserving three cottages on two adjacent lots as well as constructing a modern office building behind them.

It is a unique melding of the old and the new that teaches much about well-done adaptive reuse and densification.

Several of the parties involved in designing and building the project will be on hand to explain various features of the complex.

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The *Davis Enterprise* of September 18th printed this description of the project: "The newest professional office complex downtown, set for occupancy in October, offers a staffed reception/ waiting area, telephone answering service and a spacious, equipped conference room. This energy-efficient building . . . uses hydronic (water piped) heating and cooling and has beautiful views from the upper level."

Be sure to mark 4 to 5 PM, Sunday, November 16 on your calendar. This is a unique opportunity to see history-in-the-making. And, attend the also exciting DHS Second Annual Meeting at the Hattie Weber the hour before the tour.

2, AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER 16th SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, November 16 at 3 PM, the membership of the DHS will assemble at the Hattie Weber Museum of Davis (Fifth and C streets) to celebrate Davis history, to hear reports on the state of the Society, and to elect three of the seven-member board.

Agenda items include:

1. Approval of the August 17 Minutes (Audrey Hastings/Sharla Daly)
2. Treasurer's Report (Dennis Dingemans)
3. Elections will be conducted by the Nominations Committee, Robin Datel (Chair), Jim Frame and Tansey Thomas. We will be electing people to the offices of Vice-President, Secretary, and one At-Large member of the Board.
4. Membership Renewal Project.
5. Tour of the Yolo County Archives.
6. Liability and Liability Insurance.
7. Possible joint project with the DDBA with arts funding: Audio/brochure walking tour of the downtown.
8. Committee reports and actions on items not listed above, from the Education, Preservation, Archives, Publications, Research, Web Site, Newsletter, Membership, and Email Committees.

Members who have items they would like to place on the agenda should contact John Lofland, DHS President, at jlofland@dcn.org or 758-5258.

3. 23 THINGS THE DHS ACCOMPLISHED IN ITS FIRST YEAR

In the first year of the Davis Historical Society, members engaged in the following activities, which can properly be thought of as accomplishments.

1. Speaking as DHS members, several officers and other members **addressed the Davis City Council** on December 18 in support of maintaining the architectural integrity of the Anderson Bank Building.
2. **Established a web site** (www.davishistorical.org), which was continuously up-dated and expanded over the year.
3. Established the **Papers on Davis History Series** and published three papers in it, which are available on the web site.

4. Began the **Larkey Project**, an effort to republish all 154 of the Portraits of the Past columns Joann Leach Larkey published in the *Davis Enterprise* between December 19, 1969 and May 10, 1973.
5. As part of Larkey project, all of the columns were assembled on ledger-size pages and a **bound copy** made available to the public at the Hattie Weber Museum. (Previously, the columns were difficult to access.)
6. As another part of the Larkey project but also for more general use, **computer scanning equipment** was donated to and set up at the Hattie Weber Museum.
7. Hosted a refreshments table and informational exhibit at the **moving of the house at 312 D Street** to 516 E Street on March 7th. (Photographs of this event are on the web site.)
8. Helped DCTV make the **video film**, "Moving History: Journey of a Davis Home," which featured the DHS and was shown many times on Channel 5. (A copy of this program is archived at the Hattie Weber.)
9. Began the long-term, five-part project titled "**Researching Davis History.**" The project plan is on the web site, as is an initial draft of the Project's Part V, Public Exhibits of Davis History.
10. Staffed an informational exhibit at the **May Faire** of the Yolo County Historical Museum that resulted in several new members and much good publicity.
11. Identified all 19th century-built structures still standing in Davis and published the list as Papers on Davis History # 3, which is on the DHS web site.
12. Organized the September 1st Davis stop of the Coast-to-Coast 90th and 75th Anniversary **Lincoln Highway Tour**. Aspects of this event included cooperating with the Hattie Weber Museum to hold a welcoming open house at the Museum and arranging a proclamation of welcome and celebration delivered by the Mayor of Davis.
13. Published twelve lively and timely issues of the monthly newsletter *Davis History Matters*. (All past issues are on the web site.)
14. Began to investigate **archive resources** and expansion of archive facilities.
15. Established and maintained **three email lists**, one for Board members, one for all DHS members, and one for interested members of the public.
16. Made a **variety of Davis history documents** available on the DHS web site.
17. Held four open-to-the **public Board meetings** attended by non-Board members that were lively and entertaining while also getting business done.
18. Accepted 300 copies of John Lofland's *Demolishing A Historic Hotel* for retail and wholesale distribution through the Avid Reader Bookstore in Davis.
19. Produced two editions of a **promotional flyer** that describes the work of the DHS.
20. Designed and digitized a striking and dignified **DHS logo**.

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- 21. In March, **Google began indexing** the DHS web site, newsletter stories, and other Society items. This is an important event because it means the DHS is very easy to find worldwide and will come up in many kinds of searches.
- 22. Evaluated and voted to support the Old North Neighborhood **Association plan for the redesign of traffic flow on Fifth Street between A and L**—a safe Fifth Street being a feature of historic Davis.
- 23. Began a **reciprocity Associate Membership** with the Davis Downtown Business Association.

4. TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2004.

The DHS membership year is November to November and, at this time, all memberships are one year in length. Therefore, everyone needs to renew membership this November. That is the bad news.

The good news is that the Board has instituted multiple-year memberships so that this topic need not come up for everyone every year. If you like, you can now join for three years for \$25. Or, you can join for two years for \$18. And, you can still join for one year for \$10.

The Board is in the process of trying to organize a membership renewal mailing. When this will happen will be a function of finding volunteers to do the work. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Treasurer Dennis Dingemans at djdingemans@ucdavis.edu.

Or you can simply send your renewal to Dennis Dingemans at 645 C Street, Davis, CA 95616

5. COUNCIL NIXES KIDD'S BID TO "DELIST" THE ANDERSON BUILDING

Tuesday evening, October 21, the Davis City Council voted 4-0 (Ruth Asmundson absent) to uphold the Historical Resources Management Commission's (HRMC) recommendation not to "delist" the Anderson Bank Building.

The DHS Board had sent the Council a letter supporting the HRMC's recommendation and DHS President John Lofland addressed the Council in support.

Sources inform this Newsletter that the next serious step in this saga will be an effort to raise the sidewalk six inches while not coming into contact with the building. The "smart money" around City Hall is betting that if Kidd is willing to pay for it, it will happen and that will be the end of at least this round of threats to the Anderson Bank Building.

6. HOW THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY CARAVAN CARS GOT HOME

Several DHS members have asked how the Lincoln Highway Caravan cars got home. Always wanting to serve the membership, your Newsletter Editor asked Robert Lichty, the lead caravan organizer, what happened in this regard. He responded: "The return trip was a mixture of scenarios. Those of us running the tour had to get home quickly so we drove back as quickly as we could on I-80 (about 4 days compared to 17). Some of the old cars drove home on the Lincoln Highway, and a few drove down the coast highway to L.A. so they could return to Chicago on Rt. 66. We also had about 9 cars who opted to ship cars home in trucks from Emeryville."

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