

**STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** May 4, 2010  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ken Hiatt, Director of Community Development & Sustainability  
Michael Webb, Principal Planner  
Ike Njoku, Planner\Historical Resources Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Update of Historical Resources Management Commission (HRMC) Efforts to Re-evaluate Potential Historic Resources in the Core Area**

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**Recommendation**

This is an informational item, and no action is required of the City Council.

*The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Council that the Commission has initiated the re-evaluation of 11 properties within the Conservation Overlay District. The 11 properties are chosen out of 45 Commission identified potential historic resources citywide, which include two potential historic subdivisions. The Commission will re-evaluate the chosen 11 properties as the first group of potential historic resources meriting reassessment. The property owners of the 11 potential historic resources will be involved in the Commission's deliberations.*

**Background & Update**

On February 25, 2008 the City Council had a joint meeting with the HRMC in which the Commission shared its two-year goals with the City Council. On April 15, 2008, the City Council confirmed that the HRMC should begin scoping of the following four projects: 1) signage and identification for historical resources and important street names, 2) participation in recommendations for the UC Davis Centennial Celebration, 3) begin planning for update of historical resources inventory, and 4) preservation of digital records. See Attachment 2.

The Commission focused on the Landmark sign item and completed that goal last year. The Commission also concluded that it cannot take on the preservation of digital records independent of other city functions and departments. In addition, the Commission discovered that there is an existing streets naming protocol. Currently, the Commission is focused on the goal of updating the historical resources inventory. To achieve this goal, the Commission has embarked on re-evaluation of eleven previously evaluated properties to see if they are eligible for recommendation to the City Council for designation.

A recent inquiry by a property owner regarding this technical review by the Commission has resulted in a letter (see Attachment 1) being sent to property owners affected.

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Council that the Commission has initiated the re-evaluation of the eleven properties identified in the table on the next page. The process will involve property owners.

| <b>Potential Davis Register Resources</b> |   |
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| 1.  | 503 5th street -- Hussler/Morse House surveyed 1980/2003          |
| 2.  | 514 C Street -- St James/Newman Center/Rectory surveyed 1996/2003 |

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| 3.  | 238 G Street -- Davis Hardware survey 2003         |
| 4.  | 234 J Street -- surveyed 1980/1996/2003            |
| 5.  | 402 I Street -- Roos House surveyed 1980/1996/2003 |
| 6.  | 201 Rice Lane -- surveyed 1980/1996/2003           |
| 7.  | 215 Rice Lane -- surveyed 1980/1996/2003           |
| 8.  | 222 Rice Lane -- surveyed 1996/2003                |
| 9.  | 233 Rice Lane -- surveyed 1996/2003                |
| 10. | 339 University -- surveyed 1996/2003               |
| 11. | 617-619 G Street -- surveyed 2003                  |

The 1980, 1996 and 2003 Historical Surveys do not contain complete evaluations of the properties. The current August 2003 Historical Survey document is outdated by state and federal standards. This document has been found by staff, Commission and property owners to contain some errors. In addition, some properties within the Conservation Overlay district have never been surveyed. As a result, property owners of pre-1945 structures proposing redevelopment, additions, alteration, or demolition have been required to individually complete the historic analysis as part of their project’s review process at their own expense. The Commission sees the following benefits with its current efforts:

- 1) A first step to providing certainty and efficiency to its decision making process;
- 2) Knowing that a property is eligible for designation is advantageous to property owners, Commission and staff as it becomes easier to explain and understand what applications’ review processes will be required of them for projects, such as alteration, addition, or demolition to the City;
- 3) The HRMC evaluation will save property owners the expense of having the City hire an outside expert at their expense to perform the historic survey when projects are proposed on their properties; and
- 4) Knowing the status of the property helps avoid hiring consultants to do such evaluation on a piecemeal and urgency basis.

Given limited resources, the Commission members are pursuing the research themselves and have been trained to conduct the re-evaluation of the potential historic resources. Each member of the Commission has been assigned to re-evaluate one or more properties to ascertain whether the sites are potential historic resources, or not. The Commission is still in an information gathering mode and no recommendations for any designations are being made at this stage. Please see the attached form letter being sent to property owners affected.

**Additional Update**

2010 also marks the centennial of six homes built in Davis in 1910. As part of the Commission’s promotion of the history of Davis, the Commission plans to recognize the anniversary this year with a public announcement and certificates for the property owners. The Commission intends to celebrate the centennial of properties that turn 100 years old going forward. Please note that Old North Davis, then called the Bowers addition, was first laid out in 1910, which was the first subdivision in Davis. Because Old North Davis started in 1910, we have a good number of 100-year buildings coming up within the next decade or two.

**Attachments**

1. Form Letter to the Property Owners
2. Minutes of the City Council 4/15/08 Meeting & Joint Council and HRMC Meeting on 2/25/08

**ATTACHMENT #1**

April 20, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Property Owner  
23 Russell Boulevard  
Davis, California 95616

**Subject: Re-evaluation of 503 5th Street by Historical Resources Management Commission (HRMC) for Eligibility for Recommendation as a Potential Historical Resource**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Owner,

This is to inform you that the Historical Resources Management Commission (HRMC) is undertaking re-evaluation of some properties for consideration of recommendation for designation as landmark or merit resources. You are receiving this letter because you are one of the affected property owners. The Commission does not designate a property an historic resource; rather it suggests them for designation to the City Council, which has the final say.

This re-evaluation is part of the Commission's responsibilities, and for which the Commission received direction from the City Council on April 15, 2008. The Commission is concerned that projects often come before it that do not have designations, or have not been thoroughly surveyed or evaluated. This ambiguity in the historic status of properties can make for more costly and time consuming project review processes for the property owners, the Commission and the staff.

Therefore, the Commission is currently in the process of evaluating eleven properties that had been surveyed and identified as potential historic resources by earlier surveys (i.e., 1980, 1996 or 2003 surveys) to see if there is merit to recommending any of those properties for designation as Merit or Landmark Resources by the City Council.

The Commission sees this as 1) a first step to providing certainty and efficiency to its decision making process; 2) advantageous to property owners in that they know what to expect when they submit applications for alteration, addition, or demolition to the City; and 3) financially beneficial, saving property owners the expense of having the City hire an outside expert at their expense to perform the historic survey.

This current technical review by the Commission of eleven properties within the Conservation Districts is intended to update the records of these properties as a starting place. Ultimately, the Commission will like to have all properties within the Conservation District re-evaluated, surveyed and identified as to their historic resources status. This current effort includes site visits to take pictures of structures for update purposes (i.e., pictures taken from street perspective), records researches, updating of existing survey reports, and public meeting discussions on the draft survey updates. Upon completion of the reviews, the Commission will deliberate whether to recommend designation of any of the properties to the City Council.

Property owners will be given ample notices, copies of agendas, and any reports prior to future HRMC meetings pertaining to their properties. The City will notify each property owner by mail regarding dates the Commission will deliberate on their property well in advance of such meetings.

The Commission would be grateful for input from property owners. Property owners who wish to participate in the review discussions are asked to attend the HRMC meetings. If that is not possible, other methods of communication, such as email, telephone calls, or letters, would be helpful.

*City Council Update Memo on HRMC Work: Re-evaluation of Eleven Potential Historical Resources*

For information on the duties of the Commission, please visit

<http://cityofdavis.org/meetings/agenda.cfm?c=7> and

<http://cityofdavis.org/cmo/citycode/printsection.cfm?chapter=40&section=23>.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, the Commission's responsibilities, or the current re-evaluation effort, please contact Staff Liaison to the Commission, Ike Njoku at (530) 757-5610, or by email at [injoku@cityofdavis.org](mailto:injoku@cityofdavis.org)

Sincerely,

Ike Njoku, Staff Liaison HRMC

**ATTACHMENT #2**

MINUTES OF THE DAVIS CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting of April 15, 2008

The City Council of the City of Davis met in regular session beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Greenwald.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Present: Ruth Asmundson, Lamar Heystek, Don Saylor, Stephen Souza, Sue Greenwald

Councilmembers Absent: None

Other Officers Present: City Manager Bill Emlen, Assistant City Attorney Kara Ueda, City Clerk Margaret Roberts

Closed Session The Council went into closed session for a conference with real property negotiations pursuant to subdivision (b) of the Government Code §54954.5.

Property: 604 Second Street (APN #s 070-243-01-01 and 070-243-02-01)  
Agency Negotiator: City Manager Bill Emlen  
Negotiating Party: Armisi, Inc.  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment of disposition/lease of property

The Council returned to open session at 6:43 with no reportable action.

Approval of Agenda R. Asmundson moved, second by S. Souza, approval of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ceremonial Presentations

- Proclamation declaring April 26, 2008 as Arbor Day
- Proclamation recognizing the Week of April 21, 2008 as Earth Week and April 22, 2008 as Earth Day
- Proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2008 Week of the Young Child
- Proclamation recognizing April 13-19, 2008 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week
- Proclamations of appreciation to past commissioners:
  - Civic Arts Commission: Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin
  - Historical Resources Management Commission: Richard Berteaux, Sara Gunasekara, Christine Ottaway, Antonina "Monica" Stengert, and Valerie Vann
  - General Plan/Housing Element Update Steering Committee: Lucas Frerichs, Jay Gerber, Pam Gunnell, Mike Harrington, Donna Lott, Eileen Samitz, Ellen Shields, Mark Siegler, Maynard Skinner, Mark Spencer, Kristin Stoneking, Bob Traverso, Norma Turner, Luke Watkins, and Kevin Wolf
  - Safety and Parking Advisory Commission: Andrew Ramos
- Proclamation declaring April 27 – May 3, 2008 National Volunteer Week
- Recognition of Girl Scout Troup 1217 for their work their work on special projects

Brief Communications

Long Range Calendar:

- L. Heystek would like to bring a resolution in opposition of Proposition 98 and a resolution in support of Proposition 99 for May 6 meeting
- S. Souza would like to see Measure J in early summer

R. Asmundson moved, second by S. Souza to approve the long range calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

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|                  | AB1234 Reporting: None   |
| Public Comments  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• J. Borak, M. Spenser, N. Price, C. Escamilla-Greenwald supportive of having a discussion on Measure J prior to the June election and commented against the City Attorney's opinion on this issue</li><li>• E. Roberts-Musser a recent events for Eleanor Roosevelt and there is an applicant to the senior commission and why is the vacancy not being filled</li><li>• B. Weiss and Bob with the Off Fellows – upcoming event BBQ on April 30 with monies going to the Davis Schools Foundation</li><li>• D. Peterson, keep the schools in the discussions regarding a greener Davis</li><li>• M. Beason applicant to the HRMC introduced himself.</li><li>• K. Wolfe spoke regarding parking meters added at the Veterans Memorial Center</li></ul>  |
| Consent Calendar | <p>Resolution 08-045 authorizing the City of Davis to join with other public agencies as a participant of the California Asset Management Trust and in individual portfolios<br/><b>Item heard by Redevelopment Agency and Public Facilities Financing Authority</b><br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Resolution 08-046 authorizing investment of city monies in Local Agency Investment Fund<br/><b>Item heard by Redevelopment Agency and Public Facilities Financing Authority</b><br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Resolution 08-047 approving the City of Davis' claim for Transportation Development Act funds for fiscal year 2007-08 - State Transit Assistance Funds<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Resolution 08-048 approving the City of Davis' claim for Transportation Development Act funds for fiscal year 2007-08 - Local Transportation Funds<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Resolution 08-049 approving and authorizing the City Manager to sign First Amendment to the Subdivision Agreement for Christopher Hollow, Subdivision No. 4794<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Resolution 08-050 approving sole source replacement of pump and motor at Well #25 to Kirby Pumps<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Budget Adjustment #81 (\$16,000) – Allocation of funds to the bomb squad program<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Proposed relocation of F Street Bicycle / Pedestrian Crossing to 200 Feet South of its current location between the Art Center and Little League Field<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Budget Adjustment #82 (\$200,000) – Allocation of road impact fees<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Plans and specifications for Sewer Trunk Line Rehabilitation – 2008, CIP No. 8166<br/><u>Approved plans and specifications and authorize bid advertisement</u></p> <p>Revised job specification – Parking Enforcement Officer<br/><u>Approved</u></p> <p>Appointment to Historical Resources Management Commission<br/><u>Appointed applicant to the commission</u></p> |

Historical Resources Management Commission Request for Authorization to Proceed with Scoping for Four Projects

1. Signage and identification for historical resources and important street names
2. Participation in recommendations for the UC Davis Centennial Celebration
3. Begin planning for update of historical resources inventory
4. Preservation of digital records

Confirmed that the Commission should begin scoping

Bicycle Advisory Commission Regular Meeting of February 25, 2008  
Informational

Business and Economic Development Commission regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2008  
Informational

Historical Resources Management Commission regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2008  
Informational

Human Relations Commission regular meeting minutes of February 28, 2008  
Informational

Tree Commission regular meeting minutes of January 17 and February 21, 2008  
Informational

L. Heystek moved, second by D. Saylor to approve the consent calendar as listed above. The motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald  
NOES: None

Items removed from Consent:

Update on evaluation of a one mega watt solar photovoltaic system at the Davis Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Informational

S. Souza moved, second by R. Asmundson to accept the above item as informational. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:  
Ordinance Amending Chapter 39 of the Davis Municipal Code Relating to Water – Increase in Water System Connection Fees

Presentation and background information provided by staff.

The public hearing was opened and with no further comments the public hearing was closed.

Main motion by R. Asmundson, second by D. Saylor to introduce the ordinance as submitted.

Substitute motion by S. Greenwald, second by L. Heystek to ask Paul Navazio to find out how other cities are charging so much more and to determine if Davis can charge those fees to developers. The motion failed by the following votes:

AYES: Heystek, Greenwald  
NOES: Asmundson, Saylor, Souza

The main motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Asmundson, Saylor, Souza  
NOES: Heystek, Greenwald



**Historical Resources Management Commission  
City of Davis City Council  
Joint Meeting Minutes  
Hattie Weber Museum  
445 C Street – Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and C Streets  
Monday, February 25, 2008**

Council Members Present: Sue Greenwald (Mayor), Ruth Asmundson (Mayor Pro Tempore), Lamar Heystek, Don Saylor and Stephen Souza

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

Staff Present: Bill Emlen, Katherine Hess, Ike Njoku and Nancy Stephenson

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

**2. Approval of Agenda.**

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tempore Asmundson moved, seconded by Chair Herbert, to approve the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**AYES:** Asmundson, Costanzo, Greenwald, Herbert, Heystek, Rifkin, Saylor, Sosnick and Souza

**NOES:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes.**

The Commission decided to postpone approval of the minutes for January 28, 2008 until the March 17, 2008 Historical Resources Management Commission (HRMC) meeting.

**4. Public Communications.** None.

**5. Written Communications.** Staff Liaison Ike Njoku passed around information related to historical preservation.

**6. Museum Report.** A written report was submitted to the Commission by Jim Becket.

**7. City Council, Commissioner and Staff Comments.**

Njoku announced the resignations of Historical Resources Management Commissioners Ottaway, Stengert, and Vann. Councilmember Heystek asked about plans to recognize the service of the former commissioners and fill the vacancies on the Commission. City Manager Bill Emlen noted that there is a process in place for filling the vacancies and that there may be some applications on file. Mayor Greenwald said that it was the consensus opinion of the Council that staff should expedite the process of filling the vacancies.

Councilmember Saylor noted that the agenda for the City Council meeting to be held the following evening (February 26, 2008) includes a presentation by City and UC Davis staff about the



University's Centennial Celebration and requested a copy of the January 28, 2008 HRMC minutes for reference.

Commissioner Rifkin drew attention to George Washington Pierce, Jr., a Davis personage who was instrumental in the establishment of the University. Rifkin noted that, other than the Pierce Hall dormitory on campus (named for G. W. Pierce, Jr. and his son), there is no building or street in Davis named solely for George Washington Pierce, Jr. In recognition of Pierce's contributions to the establishment of the University, Rifkin suggested that the east part of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street be named after him.

Councilmember Asmundson encouraged Rifkin to attend the City Council meeting and share this suggestion during the Public Comment period.

## **8. Business Item.**

### **A. Discussion of Items of Mutual Interest.**

### **B. Other Items.**

The Council and Commissioners discussed the following items:

#### Creation of a Historic Downtown District

- How do we go about establishing a District?
- Which areas should be included within it?
- How would the establishment of a District relate to planning issues with regard to development within the District?

#### Identification of Landmarks and Merit Resources within the City of Davis

- Funding is needed for further historic surveys.
- Signage identifying individual historic resources throughout the community would raise public awareness of historic preservation. The decision to install a sign for private property would be left to the discretion of the property owner.
- Signs could be color-coded according to status (*e.g.*, Landmarks could have blue signs; Merit Resources could have another color, etc.)

#### Preservation Award Program

- The program already exists, but awards have not been presented recently.

#### Historic Resources Mitigation Fees

#### Preservation of Historic Record

Chair Herbert elaborated on the topic of historic districts and conservation districts:

- Davis currently has three neighborhood conservation districts, which include the downtown area:
  - Old East Neighborhood
  - Old North Neighborhood
  - University Avenue / Rice Lane Neighborhood
  - Downtown Core Commercial Area
- Conservation districts contain Landmarks, Merit Resources and Contributors
  - A Contributor:
    - Is not necessarily at the level of a Landmark or Merit Resource

- Contributes to the overall sense of history of a conservation district
- Guidelines for conservation districts govern infill development
  - The goal is to preserve identified resources and features within the districts
- Historic districts are similar, but have stricter regulations governing infill development
- Creation of a historic district would involve:
  - Defining the boundaries of the district
  - Determining which buildings qualify as contributors to the historic district (*e.g.*, Landmarks and Merit Resources)
- The majority of the buildings (65 to 70 percent) in a zone need to be contributors

Councilmember Souza had the following suggestions:

- Direct the HRMC to investigate what area would be suitable for a historic district
- Pursue the signage concept, perhaps installing bronze plaques for Landmarks and less-expensive signs for other resources
- Develop a walking tour of permanent historic markers
- Expedite the signage in time for the UC Davis Centennial
- Include interviews with descendants of historic figures in the Davis Media Access Oral History Project
- Present a reenactment of a Pierce speech for the Centennial
- Display at the Hunt-Boyer Mansion a portion of the tree that was removed at Mansion Square, linking important historic Davis events to the tree's growth rings

Councilmember Souza left the meeting at 7:27 to attend another meeting and returned later in the evening.

Mayor Greenwald expressed the desire of the Council and the Commission to explore various tools and methods to preserve the historic character of the Davis downtown and the conservation district, while at the same time fostering development and infill that would be environmentally sustainable and enhance the vitality of the downtown and community at large.

Chair Herbert noted that the Davis Downtown and Traditional Residential Neighborhood Design Guidelines (Design Guidelines) do not have the force of zoning regulations. Mayor Greenwald suggested that the formulation of a Specific Plan could help maintain character while allowing new development.

The Commissioners and Council Members had the following comments (on which there was not necessarily agreement):

- The adaptive reuse of certain buildings *does not* always work for retail (*e.g.*, Mansion Square)
- The adaptive reuse of certain buildings *does* work for retail (*e.g.*, Cocolat, Burgers and Brew)
- What is the optimum configuration of tall buildings and narrow front setbacks versus lower buildings with generous front setbacks?
- Have taller development in one area and maintain lower heights in the Core / historic area
- The development of a concept of a more-inclusive downtown district would involve more than just the efforts of a volunteer commission
- Council is open to receive guidance and instruction on preservation issues from the HRMC
- More second-story residential units are needed to maintain the vitality of the downtown
- It might not be a good thing to have more residential units in the commercial core; the location of residential units within walking distance of the core is preferable
- A commercial area with lower building heights is the more successful model; high-rises don't encourage pedestrian traffic

- There needs to be more protection for certain (historic) parts of the city
- Various parking solutions will need to be integrated with the issue of treatment of historic structures
- A small anchor, such as REI or Patagonia, is needed in addition to the existing boutiques and restaurants
- Multi-story retail is a viable option
- Reasonable historic mitigation fees would generate revenue that could be used for historic preservation purposes
- More high-quality construction should be required

Regarding architectural styles in the community, City Manager Bill Emlen stated that Davis has always struggled with the idea of artistic freedom versus conformity to certain types of design standards. Even with design guidelines, different interpretations are possible. Community Development Director Katherine Hess added that the Design Guidelines explicitly state that they are not intended to dictate architectural style.

Regarding residential units for student housing over retail uses, Greenwald expressed concern about downtown parking being impacted by weekend parties. She asserted that if housing is located a few blocks from the commercial center, party-goers will not negatively impact parking located near commercial establishments.

At this time Mayor Greenwald invited members of the public to offer comments.

Tim Allis cited the old Discoveries store on E Street as an example of a successful multi-story retail use.

David Greenwald disagreed with Mayor Greenwald and asserted that most students prefer parties in ground floor units to parties in second-floor units.

Steve Tracy, former Chair of the Core Area Specific Plan Task Force, spoke of an experience in his youth when he had the opportunity to live in Austria near Salzburg. He stated that he lived in a country inn that had originally been a private residence and had been constructed in 1313. The interior had been updated with modern amenities, but the building itself had been preserved through the centuries, a fact that made an impression on Tracy. He said that the cities of Frankfurt and Munich chose different paths when they rebuilt their city centers in the years following World War II; the former chose to build modern sky-scrapers and the latter chose to rebuild its heritage. He stated that because of this, Munich is the more memorable of the two cities. He cautioned that every generation may feel entitled to tear down buildings according to its own perspective, and that eventually there will be nothing left. He stated that it is time to determine which buildings Davis plans to keep forever.

Richard Berteaux affirmed Tracy's comments, stating that it is important to identify those buildings that we want to preserve. He noted that Stanford University created a hierarchy of buildings on its campus, identifying those that must never be torn down and progressing downward through various tiers of historical importance. He suggested that Davis follow this model. In addition, he noted that there is no "Main Street"-type of downtown in Davis and that the downtown is in fact mostly residential. He asserted that it would be a mistake to designate any particular architectural style as the only style to be used, because doing so would run the risk of creating both a false sense of historicity and an artificial sort of a town. He added that the Hunt-Boyer Mansion is one of the only buildings remaining that is indicative of what the downtown used to look like, and it should be preserved. Berteaux stated that it is difficult to

maintain lower building heights because densification results in rising land values, which in turn compel developers to construct taller buildings in order to get a better return on their investment.

Rhonda Reed of the Old East Davis neighborhood stated that in order to build the perspective that historic resources are something of value, people need to be continually reminded that these are unique things. People enjoy the small town feel of the Core area, Reed said. She supports walkable communities and livability in the downtown, and she suggests conducting surveys to determine how people use the community. She added that the fact that the Davis Food Co-op is near the downtown is a boon to those living in the area, because basics like food and toiletries are always required; however, a greater diversity of retail in the downtown area is needed. In other comments, Reed stated that student reports from a yearly California architecture course conducted by Dr. Baer, a former art teacher at Davis, are at the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. These reports provide important historical documentation of resources such as the Hunt-Boyer Mansion and the HRMC should make an effort to find out what they are and get copies brought here.

Mayor Greenwald closed the public comment period at this time.

The Council Members and Commissioners had the following comments:

- Demolition by neglect results in the loss of many of our historic resources. Can the HRMC and staff give guidance as to how to enforce existing codes to protect the resources?
- The HRMC and the Planning Commission should form a citizen-based Design Review committee that could be involved in resolving disagreements over interpretation of the Design Guidelines.
- Rather than creating a new Core Area Specific Plan, make sure that the current plan represents our vision as clearly as possible.
- Let the UC Davis Centennial act as a catalyst to celebrate the community by carrying out the suggestions made by Councilmember Souza earlier in the meeting.
- There are buildings outside of the downtown and buildings that are 50 years old that are worthy of recognition as historic resources; our ordinance uses 1945 as the cut-off date for a building to be considered as a resource, which is not in compliance with CEQA Guidelines. In the future there will be buildings that may be called out as eligible for the National Register by virtue of actions by other agencies.
- Funds are needed to complete the survey of historical resources in Davis.
- We need to decide what we as a City Council are going to agree by consensus to preserve.
- There is a consensus that there is a need to update the Infill Development Standards, Zoning Ordinance and Core Area Specific Plan to accommodate historic resources and intensification.
- The issues that define the mission of the HRMC need to be balanced with other interests and other missions of various other commissions in the city.
- The HRMC requests the cooperation of the City Council in reinstating the Preservation Award Program
- There should be a number of categories for the Preservation Awards, including awards for craftspeople as well as for restoration and adaptive reuse projects.
- We need to come up with ideas for the preservation of the historic record; the current practice is for the City to retain recordings for three months and the library to retain the recordings for two years.
- Signs with information regarding street names (*i.e.*, for whom they are named and why) should be posted on street sign poles.

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

Mayor Greenwald adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.