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Planning Commission hears updates on historic resources

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On Wednesday, the Davis Planning Commission was provided with a historic resources management check-in and update.

After the Davis City Council approved several commission mergers and realignments in 2024, the Davis Historical Resources Management Commission was folded into the work of the Davis Planning Commission in 2025.

Although there have been no recent significant projects related to this topic in town, senior planner En... the commission some updates to help the group familiar with the



Historic bike lane signage

In 1967, the Davis City Council approved four separated bike lanes with segments located on Third Street, J Street, Sycamore Lane and West Eighth Street.

In 2021, the City Council designated them as a Landmark Historical Resource. This past year, the Public Works Department installed 6 signs along 8th Street marking the first bike lane in the United States.

Historic sidewalk markings

The Old East, Old North and downtown areas have sidewalk stamps and markings from when the sidewalks and curbs were originally installed during the Works Progress Administration.

As part of development projects, the city preserves or relocates the stamps when necessary.

At the site of the Lumberyard Project on G Street, a WPA stamp was removed and will be relocated nearby on site.

College Park Historic District Management Plan



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assist with rehabilitation of properties within the district, provide guidelines for alterations, additions, infill development, and clarify requirements and processes.

This plan was drafted but never completed. The city is reviewing the document and would like to complete it. It would require further review by city staff, property owners, residents and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Southern Pacific Depot

This April, the city approved a Certificate of Appropriateness to the landmark Southern Pacific Depot to repair both interior and exterior fire damage. Replacements maintained the integrity of the historic structures and materials.

Davis Community Church

The landmark designation for the Davis Community Church is based on its original 1926 sanctuary building.

Recent COA approvals to the site included those for the 1960's administrative office building 2024 re-roofing and for window and door replacements or relocations in 2025.

Hattie Weber Museum

According to the staff report, while the Hattie Weber Museum in Central Park is independently run by volunteers and not directly supported by the Historical Resources Management Program, traditionally there has been contact between the program and the museum.

Museum co-director Merrily DuPree has alerted city staff that the roof of the building is nearing the end of its lifespan.

“We believe it was installed when the building was originally remodeled, in the late 1980s,” said DuPree. In addition, it is a cedar-shake roof, which today is considered a



fire danger, and numerous shakes have blown off.”

General Plan update

The commission was also given an update on the General Plan update process.

The General Plan Committee has now held two meetings. The Draft Land Use Map is being revised based on feedback from the GPC and Planning Commission and will be presented to the public to obtain feedback at a public workshop on Oct. 14 at Veterans Memorial Center.

Another public survey will be released after the workshop, open until Nov. 13. Work is being done to prepare the initial Draft Mobility Map to be presented at the workshop as well. The Draft Mobility Map will also be presented to the Transportation Commission for consideration before the Draft Land Use Map is presented to the Planning Commission and City Council.

After gathering input, the Draft Land Use Map will be refined and presented to the GPC for final consideration and to allow for the GPC to make a formal recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council. That meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9.

Following this meeting, the Planning Commission and the City Council will receive a presentation on the final version of the Draft Land Use Map. Both groups will be asked to provide direction to move forward with the draft map or make changes before it is approved.

The Davis Planning Commission will next meet on Sept. 23.

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