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**1. SUMMER MEETING: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 3 PM AT 523 E STREET**

The third quarter meeting will be at the home of Lyn and John Lofland at 523 E Street, Davis.

In addition to the agenda items listed below, the meeting will feature a tour of John Lofland's Davis history collection.

**2. MAJOR AUGUST 17 AGENDA ITEMS**

In addition to, or as part of, our regular committee reports, the following are among major items to be addressed at the August 17 meeting. (This is not intended as a complete list. Anyone who wants to add other items, should contact John Lofland at [jlofland@dnc.org](mailto:jlofland@dnc.org).)

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1. Planning the **program** of the Second Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 16 at 3pm (see item 3, just below).
2. All existing memberships will expire at the Second Annual Meeting, creating the need to organize **membership renewal**. Who will organize and carry out this critical task?
3. The bylaws require the Board to appoint a three person **Nominations Committee** to prepare a slate of candidates for offices to be voted on at the November 16, Annual Meeting. These appointments should be made at the August 17 meeting. The members of the Nominations Committee cannot be members of the Board. Volunteers?

(The three offices to be voted on are Vice President, Secretary and one At Large Member of the Board, the seat occupied by Phyllis Haig.)

4. We started with the idea of a new membership card each year and to have each year's **card named** in some special way. Thus, the people present at the founding meeting got "charter member" cards. Those who have joined since then received "founding year" member cards. Do we want to continue this practice and name the 03-04 card or simply revert to a generic card?

### 3. **SECOND ANNUAL MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT THE HATTIE WEBER**

Believe it or not, November 17, 2003 is the first anniversary of the founding of the Davis Historical Society. On one accounting the DHS held its "first annual" meeting on that date in 2002

Therefore, November, 2003 is the month in which appropriately to hold the Second Annual meeting.

In line with the current practice of meeting at 3 pm the third Sunday of each quarterly month, the Second Annual Meeting will be Sunday, November 16, at 3 pm and at the Hattie Weber Museum.

### 4. **MINUTES OF THE MAY 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

With a great many thanks to Board member Dick Hastings (filling in for Secretary Sharla Daly), the minutes of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting are now in the Files Section of the DHS web site.

Members of the Board, please go there and review them for changes so that we can act on them with dispatch at our August 17 meeting.

### 5. **JIM KIDD ASKS THE CITY TO DE-DESIGNATE THE ANDERSON BUILDING**

Anderson Building lead-owner Jim Kidd (he is one of five partners in the building) has written City officials a letter asking them to "de-designate" that structure as a historical resources on the grounds that it no longer has "integrity."

Dated June 28, 2003, the letter is eight pages long and appeared in the Public Communications section of the City Council Packet of a mid-July meeting.

It has been downloaded from the city site and up-loaded to the Files section of the DHS web site. Anyone interested can go to the City or the DHS site and read and download it.

### 6. **LINCOLN HIGHWAY 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR IN DAVIS SEPTEMBER 1st**

Several groups are sponsoring a Lincoln Highway 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour that will start in New York City on August 17 and will come through Davis the morning of September 1st.

The DHS Board has voted to participate in a welcoming event together with the Hattie Weber Museum and the City's Historical Resource Management Commission (HRMC).

At its meeting on Monday, July 28, the HRMC voted to be a co-sponsor and to arrange for a City Proclamation of Welcome.

Current plans are to welcome the Tour with hospitality at the Hattie Weber at about 10 am Monday, September 1st. There will be a brief ceremony and presentation of the Proclamation at the Lincoln Highway Commemorative Post that is at the southeast corner of Fifth and B streets, which is only a few yards from the Museum building.

The arrival time is inexact because the Tour will be leaving that day from overnight in Auburn and road conditions are not entirely predictable.

People interested in contact with the Tour itself should telephone or email Bob Lichty or Rosemary Rubin, co-chairs, Telephone 330-456-7869, email [rrubin@neo.rr.com](mailto:rrubin@neo.rr.com).

Lincoln-Mercury is the official sponsor and is providing its latest products for the caravan. [Ironic note by the editor: Henry Ford opposed and refused to support the Lincoln Highway campaign because it was a scheme of private road building and he thought hard surface roads were a public sector responsibility.] Most of the cars making up the tour are described as vintage in character.

For general accounts of the Tour, go to Google and search on Lincoln Highway 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour. Quite a few press reports on it will appear.

#### **7. DCTV PRODUCES VIDEO OF THE D STREET HOUSE MOVING**

DCTV volunteers Ruth Chambers and Mike Meade have filmed and produced a thirteen minute documentary of moving the 312 D Street house to 516 D. Titled "Moving History: Journey of a Davis Home," the video was shown on DCTV four times in July.

DHS members will recall newsletter coverage given this event in March and the two photographic essays on it that are on the DHS web site at [www.davishistoricalociety.org](http://www.davishistoricalociety.org).

This program nicely expands on DHS coverage of this event. A copy of the program has been placed in the archives of the Hattie Weber Museum.

#### **8. FIRST TWO ITEMS IN THE PAPERS ON DAVIS HISTORY SERIES**

The first two publications in the *Papers on Davis History* Series are now on the DHS web site.

They are:

1. A Minimal Traditional House: 647 G Street, Davis by Tanya Lieberman.
2. Pre-WWII Views of North Davis: Pictures from Lofland and Haig, *Davis, CA, 1910s- 40s* by John Lofland.

The purpose of this series is to publish article-length original research studies, data compilations and photographic collections on aspects of the history of Davis, California.

Initially, publication will be electronic by means of the Society's web site. In time, there may also be print versions

Anyone who has compiled a photographic montage or data assemblage or has completed a research article on Davis history is encouraged to submit it to the Society's Publications Committee to be considered for publication in the series. Details are available on the Publications Committee page at [www.davishistoricalsociety.org](http://www.davishistoricalsociety.org)

#### **9. THE DHS BECOMES A FRIEND OF THE DDBA**

Following-up on Board instructions, President John Lofland has concluded a reciprocity "Friend of the DDBA" membership arrangement with the Davis Downtown Business Association. This means that each will be a member of the other organization without a membership fee.

Friends of the DDBA is a new kind of membership offered organizations and individuals who are not businesses in the Downtown but who are supportive of the DDBA. Among membership benefits are a newsletter, use of certain bulk mail possibilities, and listing as a Friend in DDBS publications.

Given that a very large portion of what is considered Davis history in a physical sense is within the boundaries of the Downtown, the Board feels it is extremely important for the DHS to have a full and on-going relation to the DDBA. (The DDBA defines the downtown, roughly, as the area from A to about I and First to Fifth, with a "spike" up G Street to Seventh.)

#### **10. COMMITTEE NEWS**

In every issue of *Davis History Matters*, each of the nine standing DHS committees is provided space in which to report news of its activities since the previous newsletter. If no news was reported, the space is blank.

##### **10.1. EDUCATION NEWS (CHAIRS SHARLA DALY AND MARK DUPREE)**

##### **10.2. RESEARCH NEWS (CHAIR JOHN LOFLAND)**

##### **10.3. PUBLICATIONS NEWS (CHAIR LYN LOFLAND)**

See item 8, above.

##### **10.4. PRESERVATION NEWS (CHAIR MERRILY DUPREE)**

##### **10.5. ARCHIVES NEWS (CHAIR MARY ANN HARRISON)**

##### **106. Newsletter NEWS (NO CHAIR OR MEMBERS)**

[This committee has no members, which may explain why it did not report any news. However, this newsletter was nonetheless prepared and distributed.]

##### **10.7. MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY NEWS (JANE WILLIAMSON LEWIS)**

##### **10.8. WEB SITE NEWS (FOUR MEMBERS, NO CHAIR)**

The web site has once more been re-designed in terms of color and feel. The principle used in that redesign has been: less is more. In addition several new items, many mentioned in items above, have been added to the Files section and the news has been up-dated. None of the page-owners in the left-hand column have, it appears, done any work on their respective pages.

##### **10.9. EMAIL NEWS (CHAIR MERRILY DUPREE)**

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