

**July 20, 2020**

FROM: Community Development and Sustainability Department

TO: Historical Resources Management Commission

SUBJECT: 621 Elm Wood Drive Renovation & Addition Project versus HRMC Duties

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As the HRMC is aware, questions have been raised as to the authority to allow for the HRMC to review a proposed project at 621 Elmwood Drive. Staff, with consultation of the City Attorney's office on this matter, has reviewed the Davis Municipal Code and other applicable requirements and determined that the item should not be brought to the HRMC for review of the proposed addition.

Section 40.23.050 of the DMC notes the powers and duties of the HRMC and provides the HRMC an advisory role for projects impacting designated resources. The code does not provide a similar advisory role for projects at properties that have been identified as contributing to potential, non-designated historic districts. While this property has been identified as contributing to a potential, non-designated historic district, it has not been determined to be as a historic resource in its own right, and modifications to this property would not impact the eligibility of the potential historic district to become a designated historic resource. Pursuant to Section 40.23.060(f)(1), a historical district requires that the majority of the historic district contributors must retain historic integrity. The potential resource – the undesignated Elmwood Neighborhood historic district - would still be eligible for designation despite modifications to this property because of the number of other identified contributing properties remaining in the potential district, and staff has determined that this property in itself has limited historic value and does not meet criteria for historic significance.