



City of Grass Valley City Council/Historical Commission Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Operation of the Historical Commission

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council direct staff on how to proceed with the operation of the Historical Commission.

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Date Prepared: 04/04/2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information:

The purpose of this staff report is to evaluate the future role of the Historical Commission and present potential options for consideration. The Historical Commission plays a crucial role in preserving the historical heritage and for potentially improving the project review process. However, it has become more difficult over the years to find qualified commissioners for the position. There have been suggestions to look at potentially restructuring of the commission to improve effectiveness and streamline review of local development projects. It has been staff's observation that deliberations amongst the review bodies, particularly the Historical Commission and the Development Review Committee (DRC), have redundant conversations about historical integrity and both bodies might benefit from a shared deliberation. Staff have identified three possible options for consideration: 1) continuation of the current operations of the Historical Commission with ongoing solicitation of commissioners, 2) dissolving of the Historical Commission and transferring their responsibilities to the Development Review Committee (DRC), or 3) merging the Historical Commission with the DRC. Staff is seeking input from Council on how to move forward with the best path for the Historical Commission.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #5 - High Performance Government and Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager **Attachments:** None