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SUMMARY OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ACTION**Subject:** Delta Upsilon Fraternity - Application for a Special Use Permit Modification**Meeting Date:** May 9, 2002**Recommendation:** Because the proposed application and request for modifications to the regulations will help in the preservation and possible future residential use of the Dey House, The Historic District Commission recommends that the Council approve the application for the Delta Upsilon Fraternity Special Use Permit Modification as recommended in the Staff Report dated May 5, 2002, subject to the following changes:

- Delete the East Rosemary Street Sidewalk stipulation. This stipulation requires that the applicant install a brick sidewalk along the East Rosemary Street frontage.
- Modify the Historic District Commission Approval of Sidewalk stipulation by removing the word "brick" from the first sentence and deleting the second sentence.

Vote: 7-1

Aye: Catherine Frank, Branson Hobbs, Kimberly Kyser, Rex McCall, Margaret Rich, Toby Savage, and James White.

Nay: Chris Belcher.

Comments: 1. East Rosemary Street Sidewalk: Several Commission members expressed support for maintaining the Chapel Hill gravel sidewalk along the East Rosemary Street frontage of the site. One member noted the historical significance of gravel sidewalks in Chapel Hill. A dissenting member pointed out the brick sidewalks on nearby portions of Hillsborough Street and the adjacent sorority property. The member also stated that brick sidewalks usually provide a better walking surface than gravel.2. Special Use Permit Boundary: The applicant informed the Commission that the Special Use Permit boundary may need to be extended behind the Dey House to accommodate a possible sewer line between the proposed new fraternity building and Hillsborough Street. The Commission noted that the area encumbered by the potential extension of the Special Use Permit boundary would likely require Commission approval of an alternate bufferyard. The Commission did not express opposition to this possible change in the Special Use Permit boundary.**Prepared by:** Catherine Frank, Chapel Hill Historic District Commission *CF*
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