

Draft Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on May 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona. All Commissioners appeared telephonically.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Kenna
Commissioner Beall
Commissioner Emigh
Commissioner Hardy
Commissioner Law
Commissioner Leary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Sahmie

STAFF

Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk
Marie Toliver, Recording
Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenna at 4:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed. Roll was called and Commissioner Sahmie was absent.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Beall, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to excuse the absent commissioner. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

At the request of Chairman Kenna, the City Clerk informed the Commission that a letter was sent to Commissioner Sahmie, who did not respond, asking if she wanted to remain on the Commission. The City Clerk stated that the City Council will be asked to vacate her seat and fill the vacancy with Kenn Evans at their meeting on June 22nd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 29, 2021

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Beall, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

STATUS REPORT

- A. Update regarding moving the Birthplace Cabin to City property located at 218 N. Williamson Avenue. **(Commissioner Hardy)**

Commissioner Hardy stated the building has been raised off of the concrete and will be ready to move once the pad has been poured. There was discussion regarding whether reimbursement has been made to Gene Hancock for work in conjunction with moving the cabin wherein staff stated that they will check to see if payment has been made.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding development of the Boxcar Railroad Museum at the Winslow Chamber of Commerce. **(Commissioners Beall & Law)**

At the request of Chairman Kenna, Commissioner Law provided an update regarding this item. Commissioner Law stated that he has spoken to Bob Hall at the Chamber and funding for the project has not been determined. There was discussion regarding possible funding sources, including a suggested GoFundMe account.

Further discussion included details of the project and it was the consensus of the members that the project has turned into a construction project that does not have any historical significance wherein the Commission should have limited involvement. Chairman Kenna clarified that the Commission would be supportive of the project and possibly provide assistance once the Chamber moves forward.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Beall, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to no longer be involved with the Chamber of Commerce at this time due to the project being a construction issue and not a historic issue. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

- B. Discussion and possible action regarding sponsoring a plaque to be placed at the historic subway sign. **(Commissioner Emigh)**

After comments were made by Commissioner Emigh stating that Kenn Evans was under the impression that funding for the subway sign had already been approved, Chairman Kenna clarified that the project was approved but funding had not yet been determined. Commissioner Emigh provided further information regarding the bronze plaque, including the size and cost, as well as proposed language. Chairman Kenna recommended that Commissioner Emigh reach out to the Public Works Director to further discuss the plaque so that the city is in agreement with its placement.

Commissioner Emigh advised that another option to consider is a cast iron or a powder coat plaque either Dan Tafoya or Andy Lowry. The Commission was in agreement that they would like to move forward with this option using local talent.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Beall, seconded by Commissioner Hardy, for Commissioner Emigh to pursue the option of getting the plaque made locally and bring the results back to the Commission at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

- C. Discussion and possible action regarding obtaining and restoring the (old drive-in movie theater sign.) **(Chairman Kenna)**

There was a brief discussion regarding where the sign could be placed if it is able to be restored. At this time, the members provided their contact information to each other so they could further discuss commission projects. Since no contact information is available for the owner of the old drive-in property, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Emigh to include this on next month's agenda. Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Emigh stated that Kenn Evans would like for the Commission to consider assisting with the repair of the red tiles on the walkway building roof next to the underpass. Mr. Evans would also like consideration to be given to put the Bank of the West building (formerly Valley National Bank) on the National Register.

There was discussion regarding the car hood letter project wherein the City Clerk reminded the Commission that discussion is limited under this item due to Open Meeting Law requirements.

Chairman Kenna stated that she would like to clean up the current projects that the Commission is working on and requested that digitizing the history of the historic buildings in Winslow be included on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hardy, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Hardy, Law, Leary and Chairman Kenna voting yes.

Chairman Tess Kenna

ATTEST:

Marie Toliver
Recording Secretary