

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Kenna
Commissioner Beall
Commissioner Emigh
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner Hardy (telephonically)
Commissioner Law
Commissioner Leary

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Suzy Wetzel, City Clerk
Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kenna at 4:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called and Commissioner Hardy was absent.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to excuse Commissioner Hardy. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Evans, Law and Leary voting yes. Commissioner Hardy joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – JULY 29, 2021

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

STATUS REPORTS

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

Commissioner Hardy stated that he has not yet had an opportunity to work on this project but hopes to be able to do so in the near future. In response to a comment from Chairperson Kenna regarding tree growth in the area, Commissioner Hardy stated that the trees can be dealt with at the appropriate time. The City Clerk requested that Commissioner Hardy advise staff when he is ready to provide an update so that the item can be included on the agenda.

B. Update regarding sponsoring a plaque to be placed at the historic subway sign. (Commissioner Emigh and Commissioner Evans)

Commissioner Emigh advised that she has met with Public Works Director Tim Westover who has requested that he be provided with a proof showing dimensions of the proposed sign. There was discussion regarding possible lighting for the sign and the Public Works Director informed Commissioner Emigh that John Patterson from Joseph City may be able to assist with the sign since he does that type of work. Further discussion included pricing wherein Commissioner Emigh stated that she will contact Mr. Patterson for pricing information. The City Clerk confirmed that this item will be included on the next agenda as an action item.

C. Update from the City Manager regarding Arcadia Dance Hall located at 104 East First Street. (Commissioner Evans)

Commissioner Evans provided information from an email received from City Manager John Barkley who advised that the city attempted to acquire the property, however the building owner currently has a potential buyer in escrow. Commissioner Evans also provided a history of the building and recommended that the Commission deny any demolition action until the buyer's intentions for the property can be determined. Commissioner Evans noted that he has researched the structural integrity of the building and estimates that a steel roof could be placed over the existing structure for a cost of \$41,000.00.

Chairperson Kenna noted that the building is the last, original remaining structure on First Street and asked if there was a possibility of at least saving the façade. Commissioner Hardy noted that in order to do so, the Commission would need to consult an engineer which would be costly. There was further discussion regarding the intent of the new owner as well as the parking lot next to the property that is currently blocked off impacting parking in the downtown area. Clarification was provided that this item should be included on the next agenda as an action item. Commissioner Evans provided information regarding the code provision concerning the preservation of historic sites and structures.

D. Update regarding acquisition and restoration of the old drive-in movie theatre sign. (Commissioner Evans)

Commissioner Evans stated that he has been unable to contact the owner of the property where the sign is located but has left messages. Commissioner Evans further stated that he has made Mr. Rucker aware that the Commission is interested in working with him to restore the sign if he is willing to donate it so that it can be used as part of the historical sign installation at the Route 66 Plaza.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and/or action regarding assisting with repairs of walkway building roof next to the underpass (Commissioner Law)

Commissioner Law stated that he has not yet received a response from his contact to provide labor. Further discussion included the fact that this is the south vestibule and the amount of repairs that are needed to complete the project. Chairperson Kenna stated that perhaps the city should complete the repairs to ensure that the labor is done properly and noted that she has pieces of copper available if needed for the flashing.

Commissioner Law and Evans were directed to review the project site, generate a scope of work, comprise a list of additional materials and estimated labor hours and reach out to Tim Westover regarding the possibility of the city assisting with the repairs.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding structural issues at Brigham City including the Fort Communal Dining Hall (Commissioner Evans)

Commissioner Evans provided the Commission with a history of Brigham City and noted that due to neglect, the Fort Communal Dining Hall has fallen into severe disrepair. Commissioner Evans referred to the fact that time, extreme weather elements and vandalism have been a concerning issue for the Brigham City site and stated that the city should be providing maintenance and preservation of the site.

Commissioner Evans continued by noting that a complete assessment and condition report for emergency restoration will cost approximately \$180,000.00. Commissioner Evans recommended that the city look for both matching and non-matching grants and also provide protective fencing. The Commission discussed possible solutions to preserve the site such as funding from State Parks and/or the Mormon church.

The City Clerk recommended that further discussion regarding this item take place with the City Manager prior to the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed, but the following announcements were made:

Commissioner Evans announced that the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the attacks will begin at 6:00 p.m. on September 11th and there will be a luncheon held prior to the ceremony.

Chairperson Kenna noted that the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport's application for placement on the National Registry is moving forward. There has

been a request for further information for both the artist and mural in the airport restaurant as well as the architect of the hangar which she has provided.

The City Clerk informed the Commission that she will be working with Bob Hall from the Chamber of Commerce to schedule him to provide an update regarding the Chamber's strategic plan involving the land feature adjacent to the Chamber at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Evans announced that the International Space Station will be visible at 3:58 a.m. for approximately three minutes in the northeastern sky.

Commissioner Leary informed the group that the City website now has a complete set of digital yearbooks and a collection of telephone directories. She also provided information regarding Downwinders and how to access information from the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to adjourn at 5:24 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Kenna and Commissioners Beall, Emigh, Evans, Hardy, Law and Leary voting yes.

Chairperson Tess Kenna

ATTEST:

Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary