

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Law
Commissioner Emigh
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner Leary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Tsosie
Commissioner Hardy

STAFF

David Coolidge, City Manager
Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Law at 4:50 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called, and Commissioner Hardy and Tsosie were absent.

Motion: Moved by Commission Evans, seconded by Commissioner Leary to excuse Commissioner Hardy and Tsosie. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Emigh, Evans, and Leary voting yes.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Evans announced that Dr. Danielle Adams will present a program on cultural astronomy of the Middle East. The presentation will take place on April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Winslow Homolovi Observatory.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Prior to the following motion being made, Commissioner Evans noted that under Current Events and Announcements, the minutes should reflect that the presentation from the guest speaker from Lowell Observatory will not be held via Zoom:

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

STATUS REPORTS

A. Update from City Manager Regarding Arcadia Dance Hall Located at 104 E. First Street.

The City Manager provided an update regarding the upcoming abatement hearing for this property scheduled on April 4th. The City Manager continued, noting that the current owner of the property has pulled a permit for a demolition. Pending the

result of the hearing, the owner will also be required to obtain a permit from ADEQ and will also have approximately 60 days to respond. A notice of intent will also be provided to the Historic Preservation Commission when more information becomes available.

B. Update from City Manager regarding Brigham City National Historic Registry at the City Farm, and for legal counsel to review his requests regarding Brigham City site as a City owned property, including the former lease.

The City Manager provided information to the commission regarding the former lease for Brigham City. Per review and research conducted by the City Attorney, it was noted that the non-profit, restoration corporation under a 50-year lease failed to file Articles of Incorporation in 2018. The corporation is considered inactive and the lease is also voided. The City Manager strongly suggested that should the commission become interested in undertaking the restoration of the Brigham City site, funding must be sought through grants and other mechanisms.

In response to Commissioner Evan's discussion regarding past projects on the property, Heritage Grant Funding, estimated cost of emergency stabilization, and his assertion for utilizing Arizona Heritage Fund, the City Manager again strongly recommended to Chairperson Law that the commission should seek grant funding for this proposed project.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and/or action regarding the historic 76 Gas Station located behind 2125 W. Third Street (City Manager)

The City Manager provided background information on this item and introduced Ms. Stephanie Lugo as the new owner of Soaring Eagle RV Park where the gas station is currently located.

Ms. Lugo discussed the gas station's current condition and noted that Mr. Ben Harris, owner of Winslow Ford had expressed interest in the building but would not be able to bear the entire cost for moving and restoration. She informed the commission that the gas station does have issues regarding age and rust and that it would be rather costly to restore. Also, the building is currently residing on approximately four potential RV spaces that would allow for more revenue and utilization for customers seeking space.

Commissioners Leary and Emigh discussed the possibility of touring the gas station and providing comments at the next meeting. Chairperson Law also noted that Mr. Harris may be invited to attend the next meeting as well in order for the commission to gain a better understanding on what his plans may be for the building should he still have interest in moving it to his property.

Chairperson Law directed for this item to be placed on a future agenda pending the interest and invitation for Mr. Harris.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding the proposed Airport Historical Museum Project (Commissioner Evans & Commissioner Tsosie)

Commissioner Evans provided information regarding a donation of a 1962 Cub Cadet, two-seater airplane. Commissioner Evans indicated that this donation would be utilized as an art installation, for placement on an 18-foot platform behind the industrial park sign. The plane's instrument panel and other parts not necessary to the project would be removed and sold to provide for project funding while other structural aspects will ensure proper mounting and display.

Commissioner Evans continued, discussing City assistance in the abatement and removal of exotic foliage south of the airport hangar for the display of five, 24 X 36-inch information panels. The panels would be replicas of what Old Trails Museum currently owns. Commissioner Evans also discussed the placement of the airport's National Register of Historic Places plaque and preparations that could be made to detract from vandalism and theft.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Law, Commissioner Evans clarified that replica informational panels, not the original panels from the Old Trails Museum, would be required on this project to avoid damage from fading and other weather related issues.

The City Manager proposed for the Airport Manager and Mr. Orville Wiseman the FBO to be included on any future discussion regarding the aspects of this project. This item will be placed on a future agenda pending the availability of both the Airport Manager and Mr. Wiseman.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding McCormick Birthplace Cabin Site (Commissioner Evans)

Commissioner Evans stated that the application and documentation was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Bill Collins has provided feedback and has also requested additional information and maps. The cabin is currently pending on the State Registry of Historic sites and pending review, will be escalated to the National Registry nomination for inclusion to the historic district.

In response to a question/comment from Chairperson Law, Commissioner Evans clarified the expansion of the historic district to include the Route 66 corridor along Second and Third Street along with First and Fourth Streets to run the entire length of Winslow.

D. Discussion and/or action regarding landmark signage (Commissioner Leary)

Commissioner Leary noted the cost and placement of the first landmark sign holder on First Street in front of the Windmill.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to approve payment for the landmark sign holder from the Historic Preservation Commission Account to Winslow FFA. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Emigh, Evans, and Leary voting yes.

Commissioner Leary provided further information regarding future sign holders, placement and cost. Discussion occurred regarding choosing the next historic site to receive a sign and sign holder within this current fiscal year. The City Manager noted that the signs along walking paths for tourists and the community would be beneficial and stated that a budgetary increase would allow for the commission to choose additional 10 sites.

In response to a question/comment from Stephanie Lugo, Commissioner Leary provided clarification on the sign design to allow for placement near a building, such as a historic home.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to approve the purchase of one additional sign post holder for this current fiscal year from the Winslow FFA. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Emigh, Evans, and Leary voting yes.

After Commissioner Evans stated that with the funds left after the purchase of the additional sign holder, one more information sign could also be purchased, the following motion was made:

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to approve the purchase of one additional informational sign for this current fiscal year from the Winslow FFA. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Emigh, Evans, and Leary voting yes.

Chairperson Law shared community feedback regarding the landmark sign's current placement at the windmill. Such aspects such as design, and turquoise color scheme may be best utilized at the Peter Toth's Whispering Giant #33 sculpture. Another landmark sign holder that is more focused on the brands incorporated on the windmill may be more aesthetically pleasing. Discussion occurred regarding the registered brands that could be utilized on the sign. Commissioner Evans will provide a release for the images to Commissioner Leary.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Evans noted the ceremonial cross in Desert View Cemetery that is used to hang wreaths has collapsed.

Chairperson Law requested that discussion regarding Commission by-laws be placed on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Law, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Emigh, Evans, and Leary voting yes.

Chairperson Law

ATTEST:

Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary