

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Law
Commissioner Evans
Commissioner Hartman
Commissioner Tsosie (Telephonically)
Commissioner Leary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Emigh
Commissioner Hardy

STAFF

David Coolidge, City Manager
Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Law at 4:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called, and Commissioners Emigh, Hardy and Tsosie were absent.

Motion: Moved by Commission Evans, seconded by Chairperson Law to excuse Commissioners Emigh, Hardy and Tsosie. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Evans, Hartman, and Leary voting yes. Commissioner Tsosie arrived telephonically at 4:37 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Evans provided a brief announcement regarding his continued funding research for the Brigham City site and providing information to the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the McCormick Cabin.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – MARCH 30, 2023

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

STATUS REPORTS

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

The City Manager reported that the City has received a preliminary injunction for the Notice of Abatement. The owners of the property were also provided with a 60-Day notice to proceed with demolition. If they do not do respond to the notice, the City has the authority to move forward with demolition. The City Manager also noted that though there has been discussion regarding saving the façade, this may not be possible due to the level of deterioration and safety hazards of the property.

For the benefit of the community members in attendance, the City Manager also provided background information of property ownership and the City's efforts in seeking abatement of the property.

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. He once again also introduced Ms. Stephanie Lugo as the owner of Soaring Eagle RV Park where the gas station is currently located. Mr. Ben Harris was also in attendance as he was mentioned during a previous meeting and had been invited to join in the discussion.

Mr. Harris spoke regarding the potential of the project, however he also stated that the relocation and restoration of the building is on a much larger scale than what he is currently able to offer. Ms. Stephanie Lugo also noted that she is in need of the space that the building is currently occupying. She continued, and expressed that she did not want the building placed on a historic registry at its current location as she felt that it would also limit her opportunities to expand her business income. Lastly, the relocation of the building may prove more difficult since reinforcement screws have been removed.

Commissioner Hartman also noted that the Commission would need to consider the cost and whether this project would fit within the Commission's mission and purview. In response to the discussion points made by Commissioner Hartman, the City Manager also agreed that the options to relocate and restore the building would be difficult since the original location is now used as office space and the cost to restore the gas station is extensive. Chairperson Law also noted that the building in its current location and condition may not qualify for the historical registry guidelines.

Commissioner Evans stated that the Winslow Historic Preservation Commission could possibly assist Mr. Harris with finding matching and/or non-matching grant funding for the restoration of the building. However, Mr. Harris felt that he would not be able to commit to the scale of the project. Ms. Lugo agreed, noting that she ultimately wished to utilize the potential space for her business. She also mentioned that Mr. David Prine has expressed interest to remove the building and take the materials to be stored on his property.

Both Commissioner Hartman and the City Manager noted that they will reach out to contacts to see if there is any further interest in the building.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Evans noted that due to not being able to attend the May meeting in person, he would provide written status updates for the McCormick Birthplace Cabin and also funding for the emergency stabilization of the Brigham City site.

The City Manager noted that he would prefer for the Commission to complete 1 – 2 project items at a time. Once those projects have been completed, the Commission can then move in a more concise manner. The City Manager also mentioned that with new membership, it may also be beneficial to hold a strategic planning session. With this focus, the City Manager noted that it would be easier for the City to prepare and budget appropriately to assist in fundraising efforts. Commissioner Law agreed and noted that he would prefer that the Commission adopts and stays within the guideline scope.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Chairperson Law, to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Evans, Hartman, Leary and Tsosie voting yes

Chairperson Law

ATTEST:

Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary