

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, Thursday, July 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 Leary
Commissioner Tsosie

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 4:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called, and Commissioners Emigh, and Hardy were absent.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

CURRENT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Evans provided information regarding the upcoming Arizona Heritage Grant fiscal year.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – MAY 25, 2023

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

STATUS REPORTS

A. Update from City Manager regarding Arcadia Dance Hall located at 104 E, First Street.

The City Manager provided information to the Commission regarding the purchase of the building site, and demolition. The clock that was located on the existing structure has been removed and will be incorporated into a future mural project.

The City Manager also responded to inquiries by Commissioner Evans concerning past discussion regarding placement of neon signs at Route 66 Plaza, and remediation plans for the demolition of the dance hall.

B. Update regarding Arizona Governor's Conference on Tourism Awards.

Commissioner Evans responded to questions from Chairperson Law and Commissioners Leary and Hartman. Commissioner Evans discussed his actions when applying for award recognition from the Arizona Department of Tourism. Commissioner Evans also stated that the Commission was informed three years' prior regarding the application opportunity. Chairperson Law and Commissioner Leary both noted that they were not aware of the opportunity, nor was there discussion regarding this topic within the last year.

Commissioner Evans continued, noting that he received an invitation from the Office of Tourism to apply for the award in February 2023. He compiled the application information, submitted the application and the City of Winslow was subsequently selected for Best Arizona Cultural and Historic Preservation.

Commission members discussed teamwork and making collaborative-based efforts in the future regarding Commission projects and award / recognition applications.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION**A. Discussion and/or action regarding McCormick Birthplace Cabin**

Commissioner Evans stated that he completed an initial historic registry submission to the office of Arizona State Historic Preservation and is also seeking estimates for stabilization brackets. Commissioner Evans discussed anchoring for the cabin and possibly purchasing a protective steel structure for the cabin and installing interpretive signage. Lastly, Commissioner Evans provided updated historical information for the cabin.

Responding to inquiries from Chairperson Law, Commissioner Evans stated that he is collaborating with a historic architect / structural engineer from Motley Design Group to assess the structure. In response to a question from Chairperson Law, Commissioner Evans stated that he has personally paid for the firm to provide assessment and guidance services. Chairperson Law and Commissioner Leary expressed their concerns with this information, noting proper procedure and budgetary concerns.

Chairperson Law also spoke to the pressing need for the cabin's stabilization before applying for placement on the historic registry. Discussion also occurred regarding inviting Motley Group to present and provide a report to the Commission at a future meeting. After the City Manager provided guidance on budgetary procedure and fiscal information to the Commission. Commissioner Tsosie expressed her interest in working with Commissioner Evans on this project.

B. Discussion and/or action regarding funding and proposed restoration of the Brigham City site.

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Law, seconded by Commissioner Leary, to table this item until the stabilization and restorative completion of the McCormick Cabin. Motion passed with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Hartman, Leary and Tsosie voting yes and Commissioner Evans voting no. Prior to voting on the motion, Commissioner Evans discussed grant funding consideration for Brigham City. Commissioner and Commissioner Leary both noted that the stabilization of the Birthplace Cabin takes precedent.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding Commission Involvement with the Proposed Airport Historical Museum Project.

Commissioner Tsosie stated that since the departure of Chairperson Kenna, she is unable to obtain further information in order to move forward with this project. Chairperson Law, Commissioner Leary and the City Manager continued the discussion, noting that the Old Trails Museum, Airport Manager and airport FBO are working on a historical signage display that will be visible to tourists and visitors. Chairperson Law stated that he feels the Commission should withdraw from involvement unless contacted to provide assistance with historical elements of the proposed project. Commissioner Evans also discussed replacement of period-correct safety glass in the hangar.

Chairperson Law directed that this item be tabled indefinitely.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Leary requested that discussion related to downtown landmark signage be placed on the next agenda. The City Manager provided guidance regarding determining what signs and information will be chosen for this project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Chairperson Tsosie, to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners Evans, Hartman, Leary and Tsosie voting yes.

Chairperson Law

ATTEST:

Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary