

These minutes are subject to approval and/or correction on June 27, 2024.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on Thursday, Thursday, May 30th, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Law
Commissioner Black
Commissioner Emigh
Commissioner Evans (Telephonically)
Commissioner Hartman
Commissioner Leary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Tsosie

STAFF

David Coolidge, City Manager
Suzy Wetzal, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Law at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called, and Commissioner Tsosie and Leary were absent.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Emigh, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to excuse Commissioner Leary and Tsosie. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Black, Emigh, Evans, and Hartman, voting yes. After voting, Commissioner Leary arrived at 4:34 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES –APRIL 25, 2024

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

STATUS REPORTS

A. Update regarding the Historic Landmark Signage

Commissioner Leary stated that significant progress has been made regarding research and completion for five (5) of the ten (10) signs designated in this project. Commissioner Leary also noted that she will contact the Catholic Diocese in Gallup to obtain further historic information for the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. Lastly, Commissioner Leary relayed information to the Commission in regard to progress on construction of the metal sign holders as well as site QR codes that will direct visitors to location information on the City website. Concluding her update, Commissioner Leary stated that Historic Landmark Signage project is set for full completion in the Fall of 2024.

B. Update regarding the McCormick Birthplace Cabin

Commissioner Evans provided an update regarding components of the draft application to place the McCormick Birthplace Cabin on the National Historic

Registry. In response to questions from Chairman Law, Commissioner Evans stated that his overall goal for the application was to successfully add the Birthplace Cabin to the State Historic Registry as a Historic Property in order for it to be included within the future expansion of the Winslow Historic Business District. Commissioner Evans continued, noting several eligible buildings for the register that can be added as contributing structures to the district.

Commissioner Evans also provided further clarification to the Commission regarding current historic district information including the Pruett building, other eligible historical homes, along with location and establishment date information.

Commissioner Evans and the City Manager noted that a copy of the draft application could be provided to the Commission in order to be reviewed and input to be obtained. The Recording Secretary will then gather responses to be discussed at the next meeting. After the discussion, the application than can be submitted to Dr. Bill Collins at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Upon review and acceptance from SHPO, the McCormick Birthplace Cabin will serve as an addendum to expand the current historic district. There will also be future opportunity for the commission to pursue the addition of buildings to expand the district.

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND ACTION

A. Discussion and/or action regarding the Selection and Prioritization of Future Historic Preservation Commission Future Projects

Prior to item discussion, the City Manager clarification regarding the strategic goal of this agenda item. The City Manager noted that the Commission may benefit from prioritizing potential projects and accomplishing them in a timely manner. A list of current and mentioned projects was made available to the Commission.

Commissioner Hartman provided a brief future project proposal regarding the restoration, protection and public display of a historic 1920s American Lafrance Fire Truck and a 1940s Seagrave Fire Truck. Commissioner Hartman also noted important factors of the project such as identifying a current source of storage for the vehicles, along with a focused long-term goal of finding or creating a location for public viewing. Commissioner Hartman stated that this project aims to also build a tourism attraction to assist with expanding foot traffic and visitor exploration beyond the Standin' on the Corner Park. The City Manager advised that the Historic Preservation Commission will need to present a recommendation to the City Council for consideration regarding assistance in locating a secure, indoor storage location for the vehicles while the project is underway to create a permanent display. This project will also involve the Commission's coordination with the Old Trails Museum and the City. Discussion also occurred regarding seeking grant funding for this project.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the prioritization of listed historical projects (McCormick Birthplace Cabin, Landmark Signage, the First Street Panoramic Display and The First Street Mural). Other projects listed such as the Historic Route 66 Metal Dreamcatcher and the Historic Firetrucks Display will require further groundwork and/or funding before prioritization. The National Historic Registry Subway Plaque project was discussed, and will be replaced instead with a Landmark Sign. Chairperson Law also stated that he would like to create a monitoring device for current projects that will be utilized by the commission during future meetings.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairperson Law requested for the McCormick Birthplace Cabin to be placed on the next meeting agenda and requested review and input of the draft application by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Emigh, to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Law and Commissioners, Black, Emigh, Evans, Hartman and Leary, voting yes.

Chairperson Law

ATTEST:

Larrilynn Oso, Recording Secretary