

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 9, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Town Hall – Council Chambers
510 N. Coronado Blvd. Clifton, 85533

Members Present:

Bette Antonson
Debbie Brinkley
Danette Reyes*
B. Waddell Reyes
Mark Vinson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bette Antonson, Chairman of the Commission, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to the Public: Local resident, Danny Cervantez offered to assist the Commission if necessary since he grew up in the community and can provide testimony on existing businesses that were active while he was growing up.

Approval of the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner B. Waddell Reyes to approve the minutes as presented. Second to the motion was made by Commissioner Debbie Brinkley. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion and/or action to select a Vice-Chairman: Chairman Antonson recommended the appointment of a Vice-Chair in order to keep the process of the Commission moving forward in the absence of the Chair.

Motion to appoint Danette Reyes as the Vice-Chairman of the Commission was made by Chairman Antonson, second to the motion was made by Commissioner Mark Vinson. Motion carried

Discussion on the following possible revisions to the Town of Clifton’s Historic

Preservation Ordinance No. 01-96: Chairman Antonson explained that she would like the commission to discuss the following proposed changes to the current ordinance:

- a. expanding commission by two members: Chairman Antonson suggested adding two additional board members with the expectation of having commissioners available to meet upon request thus not causing a delay in holding a meeting.

Commissioner Vinson suggested incorporating language within the ordinance to allow for “alternates” which might be more beneficial. Adding that by expanding additional members would still require a quorum of the commission to be present at a meeting.

- b. expanding HP-1 Zone and/or creating other HP Districts: Town Manager, Ian McGaughey suggested that the commission should wait to consider expanding or creating these types of designations until the town is ready to update its General Plan.

Commissioners were in agreement these types of designations could be a positive impact on promoting tourism within the town.

- c. other possible changes or updates to the ordinance: The Chairman also suggested recommending possible parking requirements or solutions along Chase Creek Street. She provided examples of traffic congestion along the street combined with garbage containers often making it difficult for vehicles to maneuver along the street.
- d. developing a timeline for possible changes: Commissioner Vinson suggested possibly moving forward with minor changes to the ordinance such as addressing the “alternate members.” More complex changes should be addressed at a later time.

Discussion and/or action to approve a certificate of appropriateness relating to the building permit application submitted by Warren R & Jeannette L. West for property located at 291 Chase Creek Street: The Chairman explained that the project description was to replace the existing rear door covering with double doors facing Palicio Loop. A photo of the proposed double doors was provided.

Commissioner Vinson noted the request as an improvement over the existing boards currently covering the former doorway and stated that he was comfortable with Mr. West’s request. Furthermore, the replacement doors are similar to the doors of the neighboring building, the Greenlee County Historical Society.

Motion to approve the request to install the doors as presented by Mr. West, with the condition that the color of the doors are compatible with the neighboring building, Greenlee County Historical Society. Second to the motion was made by Commissioner Deborah Brinkley. Motion carried.

Status of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) training session: Mr. McGaughey informed the Commissioners that Mr. Eric Vondy has offered two available dates for scheduling consideration.

The group was agreeable to schedule the training session on April 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Reyes. Second to the motion was made by Commissioner Brinkley. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.

Approved:

Bette Antonson, Chairperson

Attest:

Esperanza Castaneda, Town Clerk