

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
POINT OF VIEW, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
MARCH 14, 2018**

A **Meeting** of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 9875 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Mike Heath, Commissioners Mike Fusco, Shelby Duplessis and Linda Spencer

**Members Absent:** Chair Lauren Allsopp and Secretary Karen Garbe

**Staff Present:** Adam Pruettt – Planning Manager, Randy Proch – Planner, David Benton – Assistant City Attorney and Della Ernest – Executive Assistant.

**Opening Statement:** The Opening Statement was dispensed with by Vice-Chair Heath

**Roll Call:** Read by Della Ernest

Call for speaker request forms.

**Audience:** none

**Note:** The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

Secretary Garbe and Commissioner Duplessis arrived prior to the Consent Agenda.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed with a “C” are considered to be routine by the Historic Preservation Commission, and were enacted by one motion.

1C **DISPOSITION OF ABSENCE:** Discussion and possible action to approve the absences of Commissioners Earl Guy, Mike Fusco and Linda Spencer from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on November 8, 2017.

2C **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on November 8, 2017.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Duplessis moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spencer and upon vote, passed 4-0.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

3R **UPDATE ON PALO VERDE RUIN INTERPRETIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:**

Mr. Adam Pruettt provided the Commission with an update regarding progress on phase two of the implementation for the Palo Verde Ruin Interpretive Plan.

The drainage improvements along the northern boundary, enhanced security fencing, additional interpretative signage and trail improvements have all been completed.

Future improvements include benches and shade structures.

4R **OLD TOWN UPDATE:**

Mr. Pruettt provided the following updates on projects and activities in the Old Town area:

Old Town Block Strategy – the Branding / theming community meeting was held on January 24, 2018. Approximately 60 attendees came together and were presented with a visual preference survey of various branding and identity concepts for the area. There will be an additional community meeting in mid to late April where consultants will present their findings.

Edwards Hotel – this property was recently acquired by Dan Halbert, President of Matrix Real Estate Investor Network. Mr. Halbert also purchased the two adjacent lots east of the hotel. The proposed use is being contemplated as “themed hospitality” such as a haunted hotel. The owner is working with the Coty on process and required improvements.

Axiom Church / Driftwood Coffee – the coffee shop is completed and open for business

Old Town Mixed Use District Update – the Special Districts and Designations establishes zoning district, uses and development standards and is geographically defined. Staff will be initiating an amendment to update permitted land uses. Additional amendments may be recommended by Old Town Block Strategy

Placemaking – with a renewed interest in placemaking citywide, this is a topic at the March 16<sup>th</sup> City Council workshop which staff will present concepts and receive feedback / direction on location, scale, priorities, etc. Concepts include outdoor activity, pedestrian connections, identity creation / celebration, integrated artwork and seating, temporary uses and City events.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fusco commented some of the information regarding Old Town activities is making its way into the Peoria Times publications and shows city staff is doing a great job of sharing information with the public.

Commissioner Shelby asked how the city would market city owned property.

Mr. Pruettt stated that the Old Town Block Strategy would help define the uses based on current market realities, but also based on future market projections.

5R **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Commissioner Fusco moved to nominate Vice-Chair Heath for Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spencer and upon vote, passed 4-0.

Commissioner Spencer moved to nominate Commissioner Duplessis for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Heath and upon vote, passed 4-0.

Vice-Chair Heath moved to nominate Commissioner Fusco for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duplessis and upon vote, passed 4-0.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

None

**REPORT FROM STAFF:**

Mr. Pruetz notified the Commission of the next meeting on May 9, 2018. Commissioner Allsopp has requested a study session to discuss the history of the Commission's goals and the direction going forward. The study session will be held on May 9, 2018.

**REPORTS FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Duplessis thanked city staff for the Boards and Commission appreciation event at the Arizona Broadway Theater.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Mike Heath, Chair

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Date Signed