

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
AUGUST 7, 2019**

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

Members Present: Chair Mike Heath, Vice-Chair Shelby Duplessis, Secretary Mike Fusco, Commissioners Lauren Allsopp, Karen Garbe, Linda Spencer and Mary Lou McNeill

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Jacques – Planning Director, Lorie Dever – Planning Manager, David Benton – Assistant City Attorney and Della Ernest – Executive Assistant.

Opening Statement: The Opening Statement was dispensed with by Chair Mike 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.

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 absence of Chair Mike Heath from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on June 19, 2019.

2C **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on June 19, 2019.

COMMISSION ACTION: Secretary Fusco moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spencer and upon vote, passed 7-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

3R **Peoria Jail House Update**

Staff briefing and possible discussion regarding the status of the Peoria Jail House National Register Nomination.

Ms. Lorie Dever stated comments and edits from the June 19th Historic Preservation Commission meeting were incorporated by the consultant however, staff attempts to obtain additional supporting documentation was stalled. Logan Simpson Design has completed the draft nomination form. Staff will provide comment on the NHRP nomination form by mid-August and the NHRP final draft will be completed in November.

Staff suggests holding a special meeting in November *following* the Historic Sites Review meeting to update Commission members.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Allsopp stated that the material used to build the jailhouse will need to be addressed before submitting the nomination.

Ms. Dever stated she will take an assessment, wrap up loose ends and continue with the nomination.

Commissioner Fusco asked if there is no official designation, can the building still be saved?

Commissioner Allsopp stated it could be a local designation.

4R PlanPeoria2040 Project Update

Staff briefing and possible discussion regarding the City's ongoing efforts to update the Peoria General Plan.

Ms. Lorie Dever stated staff is currently in "60 Day Review" and we will hold 4 open houses prior to the end of the review. A final draft will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission in October, refinements will continue. City Council could place it on the ballot for Fall 2020.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Allsopp commented that she likes the graphics and layout of the general plan.

5R Old Town Programming and Events

Staff briefing and possible discussion regarding possible upcoming programming and events within the Old Town area.

Ms. Marylou Stephens, Arts and Events Manager with the Neighborhood and Human Services Department informed the Commission of a new event. Second Saturdays will run from October – May, 4:30pm to 8:30pm and will feature food trucks, outdoor games, art, free concerts in Old Town Peoria.

Existing events include:

- Center for the Performing Arts
- Tuesday Music Series
- TheaterWorks
- September 28th – Somos Peoria!
- December 14th – Old Town Holiday Festival
- March 28th – Arts & Cultural Festival

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Garbe asked about the parking issue in downtown Peoria.

Ms. Stephens stated that in addition to better lighting, signage pointing to additional parking garages that people don't know about could help. Another possibility is the use of POGO (Peoria on the Go) to transport people from the parking garages to the event.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

UPDATES FROM STAFF:

6R A. Old Town Placemaking Efforts

Ms. Stephens informed the Commission of new and relocated planter pots deployed in the downtown area. Four intersection murals by 9 local artists have also been completed.

B. Upcoming Commission Meeting Dates

Ms. Dever informed the Commission that the September 11, 2019 meeting is cancelled and we will meet again on November 13th.

REPORTS FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Secretary Fusco asked if the items located in the Peoria Historical Museum belonged to the City. Mr. David Benton stated the only thing that belongs to the City is the building itself; everything inside belongs to the Peoria Historical Society.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Mike Heath, Chair

11/13/2019
Date Signed