

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

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 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Mike Fusco, Secretary Mike Heath, Commissioners Shelby Duplessis and Linda Spencer

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Lauren Allsopp, Commissioners Karen Garbe and Earl Guy

Others Present: Chris Jacques – Planning Director, Adam Pruett – Planning Manager, Melissa Sigmund – Principal Planner, Cynthia Odom – Assistant City Attorney and Della Ernest – Executive Assistant.

Opening Statement: The Opening Statement was read by Chair Fusco.

Roll Call: Read by Della Ernest

Call for speaker request forms.

Audience: 6

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 absences of Commissioner Karen Garbe from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on August 10, 2016.

2C **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on August 10, 2016.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS:

3R **UPDATE ON OLD MAIN NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION UPDATE:**

Ms. Melissa Sigmund provided an update on the process of nominating Old Main for the National Register of Historic Places. Staff has submitted the revised nomination to the state Historic Sites Review Committee and is awaiting the results of their November 4, 2016 meeting.

Chair Fusco commended staff for their work in submitting the nomination.

Secretary Heath asked staff if a commemorative plaque would be placed at the school.

Ms. Sigmund stated if the nomination is approved and Old Main is listed, it will be at the discretion of the school if they choose to have a commemorative plaque.

4R **UPDATE ON OLD TOWN INITIATIVES:**

Mr. Chris Jacques gave a brief presentation regarding ongoing City initiative in the Old Town area. Mr. Jacques spoke on the elements of Old Town Revitalization which are visibility and image, regulatory landscape and business attraction.

Mr. Adam Pruett provided a brief presentation on the Old Town Peoria Block Strategy. Mr. Pruett informed the Commission of two components to the strategy which involves a smaller portion in downtown Peoria and a larger old town core. Mr. Pruett stated the city currently has a Request for Proposal (RFP) out that includes highest and best use analysis, assess interim conditions, assess adaptive re-use opportunities and technical recommendations. The RFP will include branding and marketing strategy, placemaking and beautification.

Commissioner Duplessis asked if the RFP is for the smaller portion in downtown Peoria or the larger old town core.

Mr. Pruett stated the RFP is for both areas.

Chair Fusco asked staff to bring an update to the Commission at a later date.

5R **2017 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Ms. Sigmund presented a proposed 2017 meeting schedule for the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioner Heath moved to approve the proposed schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duplessis and upon vote, carried unanimously 4-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

Mr. Joe Puckett, a citizen voiced his opposition at the city's decision to demolish his grandmother's home. Mr. Puckett offered a form indicating the home is historical and mentioned that other buildings in danger of being demolished can be saved.

Mr. Saferino Olivo, a citizen voiced his opposition at the city's decision to demolish his mother's home. Mr. Olivo assisted with the appeal and expressed his displeasure at paying a \$300 appeal fee. Mr. Olivo asked why the city does not inform the property owner of ways to keep their home for future generations.

Dr. Bill Bercu, a citizen and 20 year Peoria resident introduced himself to the Commission. Dr. Bercu is the newest member of the Peoria Historical Society.

Ms. Kathy Moore, a citizen thanked Ms. Sigmund for her assistance in saving Old Main. Ms. Moore also called for the resignation of Mr. Mike Heath and Ms. Karen Garbe from the Historic Preservation Commission due to lack of trustworthiness as it pertains to their involvement with the Peoria Historical Society.

REPORT FROM STAFF:

Mr. Jacques mentioned that Ms. Cindy Odom is retiring and this is her last Commission meeting. Mr. Jacques thanked her for her assistance on various boards and commissions.

Mr. Jacques informed the Commission the city will begin a major update to the General Plan and is currently in the process of selecting a consultant.

REPORTS FROM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, Chair Fusco moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Heath and upon vote, carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Mike Fusco, Chair

Date Signed