

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
JULY 11, 2012**

A **REGULAR Meeting** of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:03 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Shelby Duplessis, Commissioners Priscilla Cook, Harold McKisson, Karen Garbe, and Gary Nelson.

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Mike Fusco and Steve Poe.

**Others Present:** Shawn Kreuzwiesner – Engineering Planning Manager, Steve Burg – Assistant City Attorney, Robert Gubser – Principal Planner, Melissa Sigmund – Planner, Jeff Sargent – Senior Planner, and Bev Parcels – Planning Assistant.

**Opening Statement:** None read.

Call for speaker request forms.

**Audience:** One.

**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 Vice Chair Karen Garbe, Commissioners Mike Fusco and Gary Nelson from the April 11, 2012 meeting.
- 2C**     **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 11, 2012.

Commissioner McKisson asked for item 2C to be pulled off the consent agenda for further clarification.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Garbe moved to approve the Consent Agenda items minus item 2C. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKisson and upon vote, carried unanimously.

Clarification was requested for item 2C and upon further discussion, a motion was made by Karen Garbe to approve agenda item 2C as it stands. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McKisson and upon vote, carried unanimously.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### NEW BUSINESS:

**3R**     **WEEDVILLE HISTORIC CONTEXT REPORT:** Update on the status of the Weedville Historic Context Report that is being developed by consultant Vince Murray of Arizona Historical Research.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Jeff Sargent, Senior Planner.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSION ACTION:** No Action Required.

**4R**     **PALO VERDE RUIN INTERPRETIVE PLAN SIGNS:** Update on the status of interpretive signs status for Palo Verde Park.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Melissa Sigmund, Planner.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSION ACTION:** No Action Required.

**5R**     **TRACTOR MUSEUM FEASIBILITY:** Discussion and possible action regarding feasibility research for creating a Peoria tractor museum.

**STAFF REPORT:** None

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** Commissioner McKisson presented a report on a meeting he had conducted with Larry Rovey regarding the possibility of establishing a museum. He reported the following ideas:

- A stand alone museum was not going to be practical.
- The project would be a phased project with a museum and demonstration area.
- The projection was to obtain 200-300 acres over a timeframe of 5-10 years.
- The desired location would be in the Salt River Project area, near a major freeway or thorough fare, and near equestrian trails.
- The possibility of obtaining partnerships with a local tractor club, John Deere Inc., Maricopa County Extension, flower growers, or an equestrian club.
- Holding festivals and special events.
- Having a petting area and activities for children.
- Starting with 10-20 acres of land and expanding or relocating in the future.
- Talks are underway with other parties to locate the museum in other municipalities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner McKisson made a motion to request a meeting between the City of Peoria and interested parties involved in a possible tractor museum with staff bringing back a report at the next Commission meeting. The report would provide information that the Commission could use to determine if a feasibility study is appropriate. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Karen Garbe and unanimously approved 5-0.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** (Non-agenda Items): None

**REPORT FROM STAFF:** Reports were presented regarding the Old Town Signs, AZ HP Conference, and the First Presbyterian Church National Register Nomination.

**REPORTS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Shelby Duplessis, Chair

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Date Signed