RESOLUTION NO. 59-2006

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION HERITAGE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "BENSON HISTORIC BARRIO"; AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, BILLING STATEMENTS, ETC. WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Legislature under A.R.S. §41-503 has authorized the establishment of the Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Program providing funds to the State of Arizona and other eligible applicants for the purpose of preserving historic and prehistoric resources; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Parks Board (BOARD) is responsible for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the BOARD require the applicant to certify be resolution the approval of applications, signature authorization, the availability of local matching gunds, and authorization to sign a Participant Agreement with the BOARD; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project must be consistent with the Arizona Historic Preservation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for FY2006 Historic Preservation Heritage Fund grant assistance; and
2. Certifies that the City of Benson will comply with all appropriate state and federal regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements as they relate to the application; and
3. Agrees to comply with all appropriate procedures, guidelines and requirements established by the BOARD as a part of the application process; and
4. Certifies that the City of Benson Historic Preservation Commission has matching funds in the amount of $2,320.00 from the following sources: City of Benson General Fund, FY2006-2007 Budget; and
5. Appoints Martin Roush, City Manager or Ann Roberts, City Attorney as agents of the City of Benson to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, etc. which are necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA, this 11th day of December, 2006.

GEORGE SCOTT, Mayor

ATTEST:

VICKI L. VIVIAN - City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANN P. ROBERTS - City Attorney

I, the undersigned, Vicki L. Vivian, being the duly appointed and qualified City Clerk of the City of Benson, certify that the foregoing Resolution 59-2006 is a true, correct and accurate copy of Resolution 59-2006 Passed and Adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Benson, held on December 11, 2006, at which a quorum was present and voted in favor of said December 11, 2006 Resolution.

VICKI L. VIVIAN – City Clerk

12-12-06

DATE

December 12, 2006

Arizona State Parks Board
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Benson Historic Barrio

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to show the City of Benson's support of having Benson's Barrio placed on the National Register. The Benson Historic Preservation Commission has had the ground work completed for evaluating the area. The properties in our barrio meet all criteria for the nomination. We hope you will approve their grant application for the final stage of the submission.

The neighborhood has great pride in how their families fit into the growth and weave of Benson during its early beginnings.

We hope that highlighting the past in this neighborhood encourages a new feeling of pride in these buildings. A little tender loving care will make a big difference to the appearance of this historic area.

Benson, as many rural areas, is on the verge of tremendous growth. As we embark on this adventure the Council is committed to our historic downtown, its properties and their preservation to keep our history alive. We hope you will join with us in endorsing this project to bring our past forward into a bright future.

Sincerely,

George Scott, Mayor

Jeannine Hamilton, Vice Mayor

Mark Fenn, Councilmember

Toney King, Sr., Councilmember

John Lodzinski, Councilmember

Lori McGoffin, Councilmember

E. Kathy Suagee, Councilmember