

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
at the Benson City Hall,
120 W. 6th Street, Benson, AZ 85602

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

MINUTES

Chair Ruth Wilson opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Members present: Ruth Wilson, Joanne Sturgeon, Phyllis Little, Gerry Thomson, and Alwine Frega.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Michelle Johnson from the City of Benson was present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of the November 15, 2014, Minutes were corrected and approved. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Eligibility of 4th Street Properties for Historic Register: Michelle Johnson reported that Bob Comey turned in to the city a rough draft and bill for his review of the 4th Street Properties for placement on the Historic Register in December. The city approved 75% and the review was mailed to the State for reimbursement request. The final draft is due before March for approval of the final 25%.

2. Hotel Arnold Report: No change in status. The property remains for sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project: Michelle Johnson reported she spoke with Leo O'Farrell from the Benson Clean and Beautiful and they are still interested in the Apache Park Project, however they have elected new officers and are going through a revamping. The San Pedro Valley Museum has a new director starting in February and is in flux so the entire Apache Park Project has been put on hold. Ruth Wilson stated she will try to find another grant.

3. 7th Street Cemetery: The plaque has been placed in the cemetery. Liz Brenner, Eddie Ellsworth and Vay Fenn, since they each contributed lots of effort toward getting this done, will be notified so a group photo can be taken. Ruth Wilson and Michelle Johnson will work toward accomplishing this.

Ruth stated she has all the supplies to repair the kiosk at the cemetery and will take care of that project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and approve paint colors for Barrio properties owned by Gus Figueroa: Gus Figueroa was not present so no review was done.

2. Uncertain future of some historic properties: Ruth reported there was talk of some changes by ADOT to the overpass which could affect the east side historic properties, but so far nothing definite is in the works.

3. Scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting would be scheduled for March 21, 2015.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:30 a.m.