

CITY OF BENSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, November 21, 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 9:02 a.m.

Members present: Ruth Wilson, Joanne Sturgeon, Phyllis Little, Gerry Thomson, Alwine Frega, and Irma Bernal. Absent: Gus Figueroa.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Peggy Judd and her husband Kitt Judd were present. Peggy stated she is going to run for County Supervisor in Cochise in the August 2016 primary and she wanted to introduce and orient herself to the different committees held in the City of Benson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of the September 19, 2015, Meeting were approved. Vote 5-0, 1 Abstained

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ruth stated we will start in January 2016 to address the eligibility of 4th Street Properties for Historic Register and she will be able to apply for a new grant in February 2016. In the meantime we will need to find out if Bob Comey is available and able to complete the project since it involves a lot of work and he is getting up in age or whether we may have to open the project to bids.
2. Hotel Arnold Report: Irma Bernal reported the Hotel Arnold is still for sale but no inquiries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project
 - a. Grants and work with other community groups: No change in status.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding the status of the Hi Wo Store: since our last meeting no further information has been obtained regarding the Chinese Community of Tucson and their interest in purchasing the building.
2. Ruth talked at length about fund raising for the Apache Park Project and asked the members

to brain storm ideas on how we can raise money. Ruth wanted to know if historical posters of Benson could be made and sold. Gerry then mentioned visitors at the Museum often ask for postcards which could be made and sold. Peggy Judd joined the conversation and stated she was involved in developing a park in Wilcox and she would be willing to help us. She suggested approaching Benson businesses and requesting donations in the form of time and materials instead of money. Phyllis mentioned the Apache Powder Company possibly helping us since the park is named for them and is on the Historic Register. The possibility of grants was mentioned. All of the ideas were discussed at length. It was decided to continue the discussion and to act on the ideas at the next meeting.

3. Meeting scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting would be scheduled for January 16, 2016.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:52 a.m.