

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, July 19, 2014 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 9:03 a.m.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of the May 17, Meeting were approved. Vote 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ruth Wilson reported she submitted a request for a \$4000.00 grant to the city of Benson to help pay for the 4th street properties to be placed on the historic register. The request went to the city council for approved of \$1600.00 at their meeting, which passed on a Vote 6-1. Ruth Wilson and Michelle Johnson attended the meeting. Ruth reported she also submitted a grant request to the State for approval of the remaining \$2400.00. The closing date for that grant was July 9, 2014 and she is hoping to hear from the State by the end of August. Ruth reported we are number 10 on the list for grant requests from the State.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project: Ruth Wilson presented an update. Ruth Wilson, Alwine Frega and Gerry Thomson attended a meeting at the San Pedro Valley Museum on May 21, 2004 @ 9:00am arranged by Leo O'Farrell from Benson Clean and Beautiful. Members from the Arts Commission, Benson Clean and Beautiful, Friends of the Library, San Pedro Valley Museum and Michelle Johnson from the city were present. Leo informed Ruth they were all willing to help the Historical Preservation Commission with the Apache Park Project. Ruth informed them about the existing survey and another meeting was scheduled for June 18, 2014 @ 9:00am. At that meeting Ruth brought the survey and ideas were discussed on how to proceed. Michelle volunteered to set up a step by step development plan. Research for available grants and fund raisers were discussed. Everyone at the meeting was enthusiastic and positive about seeing the project to fruition. Another meeting has been scheduled for July 23, 2014 @ 9:00am.

2. 7th Street Cemetery Plaque has been purchased to be placed in the cemetery as soon as can be arranged. Liz Brenner, who has been instrumental in bring this project to completion has resigned from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS;

1. A grant for \$4000.00 was submitted to the City of Benson and \$1600.00 was approved. A pending grant for the matching \$2400.00 was submitted to the State to fund Ralph Comey's bid.

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

3. No one from the Commission attended the June 2014 State Conference.

4. 7th Street Cemetery Plaque was purchased.

5. Gerry Thomson informed the members the SPVAH is interested in having a mural placed on their building. However, nothing definite has been decided on. With a Vote of 6-0 the Commission voted to table until more information is available.

6. Meeting Scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting would be scheduled for September 20, 2014.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:55 a.m.