

# CITY OF BENSON

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on  
Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.  
at the Benson City Hall,  
120 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Benson, AZ 85602

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

### MINUTES

Chair Ruth Wilson opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

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

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

1. Peggy and Kitt Judd, David and Melissa Di Peso, Cindy Allen, Pat Rogers were present.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Minutes of the November 21, 2015, Meeting minutes were approved. Vote 5-0

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ruth stated the new grant to submit to the National Register the work to be done for the National Register nomination of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street District will come out next month, it will finish in May and we will find out if we can go forward. It usually takes about two years and in the meantime we will have to find out if Mr. Comey is able to complete the project or if we will have to open it for bids.
2. Ruth reported that Cindy Allen is interested in purchasing the Hotel Arnold and turning it into a business.
3. Irma reported the Tucson Chinese Community is still interested in purchasing the Hi Wo Store.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Apache Park Project
  - a. Grants and work with other community groups: No change in status.
  - b. Ruth discussed with the commission members options for raising funds to complete the Apache Park Project however no decision was made.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ruth informed the commission members that Cindy Allen is interested in purchasing the Arnold Hotel to open a business. A lengthy discussion between Cindy Allen, Pat Lane, the Di Pesos, Michelle Johnson and commission members as to what Cindy Allen planned to do

with the Arnold Hotel if she purchased it and what problems she would run into once the sale was made. Michelle Johnson informed Cindy and the Commission they must submit a letter to the City regarding the sale. A motion was made and second to “approve to recommend planning and zoning approval via a letter condition of use permit of the Arnold Hotel”. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Meeting scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting would be scheduled for March 19, 2016.

**ADJOURNED:** Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:58 a.m.