

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY November 19, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, November 19, 2016 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 9:05 a.m.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Lisa Hill from Benson Clean & Beautiful was present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of Regular Meeting September 17, 2016, Minutes of the Work Session, Special Meetings September 26, 2016, September 27, 2016 and October 11, 2016 were all approved.
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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Up-date on the 4th Street Historical Register Survey: Michelle reported the State has sent a letter regarding the survey of the 4th Street properties for placement on the Historic Register to the City of Benson to be approved, signed and returned to the State. The State will then send the City the funds to start the survey. Once the funds are received we will notify Mr. Comey to start the survey of properties from the Horseshoe Café (Patagonia Street) to the old Hi Wo building (Gila Street).
2. Hotel Arnold up-date: Cindy Allen will be erecting a chain link fence around the property to prevent future vandalism. The Hotel Arnold project may take 2 to 3 years to complete. Cindy Allen will be bringing the paint colors to the Commission for approval.
3. Hi Wo Store up-date: The owners of the building have put possible demolition on hold, hoping a buyer will come forward to buy and refurbish the building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project
 - a. Grants and work with other community groups: Lisa Hill from the Benson Clean & Beautiful is willing to work with us for funding the project. Ruth Wilson and Lisa Hill will set up a meeting with the City of Benson financial department, Michelle and

Commission members before an account is set up for the Apache Park project.

b. Fund raising:

Ruth Wilson will approach Apache Powder for a donation for the project.

She will also explore 'You Fund It' on the internet for funds.

A request for a possible grant from Wal Mart will be explored.

Organizing a public function to raise moneys was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Code for Commissions and the Section Twenty-four Historical Preservation Ordinance combination is awaiting approval at the January 2017 meeting.
2. Meeting scheduling: Ruth stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2017

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:50 a.m.