

# CITY OF BENSON

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### SATURDAY MARCH 18, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on  
Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.  
at the Benson Heights Southern Baptist Church,  
Duane & High Street, Benson, AZ 85602

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

## MINUTES

Chair Ruth Wilson opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

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

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

### CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of Regular Meeting January 21, 2017 were approved Vote 4-0, 3 abstained

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Up-date on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth Wilson reported Mr. Comey continues to work on the survey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street properties after Ruth informed him of the changes to the survey which will now include only 4<sup>th</sup> Street properties from the Horseshoe Café (Patagonia Street) to the old Hi Wo building (Gila Street) instead of the original 4<sup>th</sup> Street properties from Gila Street to the Oasis Court due to the large number of missing historical buildings between Patagonia and Oasis Court. Mr. Comey has to redo his map and has eighteen months to complete his report and submit it to the State. The State will send the request to the National Registry for approval.
2. Hotel Arnold up-date: Cindy Allen has erected a chain link fence around the property to prevent future vandalism. The Hotel Arnold project will take 2 to 3 years to complete.
3. Hi Wo Store up-date: no new information.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project
  - a. Grants and work with other community groups: Lisa Hill and Cindy Allen from the Benson Clean & Beautiful along with Ruth Wilson and Gerry Thomson from the Historical Preservation Commission all worked on preparing a video and submitting it along with a request for a \$400,000.00 grant, result will be known November 2017.
  - b. Fund raising: Ruth Wilson approached 'Apache Powder' and requested a donation for the project. She reports 'Apache Powder' may give a donation of as much as \$5,000.00 after their July budget goes into effect.

Ruth Wilson continues to explore possible public grants.

Gus Figueroa and Irma Bernal suggested selling tiles and having for a donation the individual's name painted on it at the 2017 Butterfield Days. The completed tile would then be place on a displaying wall in the completed Apache Park.

A discussion about selling old photos of Benson postcards at the 2017 Butterfield Days.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. City Code for Commissions and the Section Twenty-four Historical Preservation Ordinance combination is awaiting word from Michelle Johnson for approval from the City.
2. Placing highway signs with a Historic Designation around Benson to draw in tourists was discussed and Ruth Wilson will follow up on this with the Highway Department.
3. Ruth Wilson informed the Commission members about the 'State Annual Historical Conference' which will be held in Oro Valley on June 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
4. Meeting scheduling: Ruth Wilson stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2017

**ADJOURNED:** Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 10:07 a.m.

Recorded & Submitted by Alwine Frega, Secretary