

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.
at the Benson City Hall,
120 W. 6th Street, Benson, AZ 85602

Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

MINUTES (Amended)

Chair Ruth Wilson opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Ruth Wilson, Phyllis Little, Gerry Thomson, and Irma Bernal.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. No one from the public was present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of Regular Meeting March 18, 2017 were approved by Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the 4th Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth Wilson reported Mr. Comey continues to work on the survey of the 4th Street properties.
2. Hotel Arnold update: Cindy Allen's husband is ill, delaying action on the Hotel Arnold Project
3. Hi Wo Store update: no new information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project
 - a. Grant application pending, and probably no decision until Fall of 2017. If the Grant is provided, the grant funds would arrive in January 2018, and the entire project would have to be done by June 2019.
 - b. Fund raising: Ruth Wilson contacted Lyndon Dennet at Apache Powder and requested a donation for the project. She reports they gave us \$1500 now, and 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.

In regard to a previous suggestion by Gus Figueroa and Irma Bernal that we sell

personalized tiles at Benson's annual Butterfield Days (for placement on the Apache Park wall), Irma contacted Sue Kartchner of the St. David Heritage Assn. She referred Irma to Gila Valley Monuments at 650 E. Airport Rd., in Safford, Az. They use both bricks and granite and inscribe as desired. Ruth will try to contact the Company next week for more information on the proposed project.

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: Ruth Wilson contacted the Highway Dept. Rep, but no response to date.
3. Ruth Wilson previously informed the Commission members about the State Annual Historical Conference which will be held in Oro Valley on June 14th to 16th, 2017, but No affirmative responses to date.
4. Meeting scheduling: Ruth Wilson stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2017.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:25 a.m.