

CITY OF BENSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, May 21, 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 9:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Liza Hill from Benson Clean & Beautiful was present as guest. Lisa stated the Benson Clean & Beautiful would like to restart working together with the Historical Preservation Commission to complete the Apache Park Project

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of the March 19, 2016. Meeting minutes were approved. Vote 4-0, Abstained 2

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ruth stated she finally heard from Mr. Eric Vondy at the State. Money is now available and she will work on submitting a new grant to the National Register for work to be done for the National Register nomination of the 4th Street District. Ruth will check if Mr. Comey is able to complete the project or if we will have to open it for bids.
2. Cindy Allen has completed the sale of the Hotel Arnold and is now working to clean up the property. She will continue to work with the Historical Preservation Commission to make sure all external changes to the buildings are approved by the Commission.
3. 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 has resurfaced, the Benson Clean & Beautiful would like to continue working with the Commission to get the project done
 - b. The Historical Preservation Commission continues to explore funding for the

Apache .

Park Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Addressed the renewal of Historical Preservation Commission Bi-laws & Zoning laws. Meetings will be scheduled in the future to address this issue.
2. Gus Figueroa's membership was tabled until the next meeting.
3. Meeting scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2016.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 9:40 a.m.