

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, July 15, 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

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

Members present: Ruth Wilson, Phyllis Little, Gerry Thomson, Alwine Frega, Joanne Sturgeon, and Irma Bernal.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Michelle Johnson from the City of Benson was present
- 2.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of Regular Meeting May 20, 2017 (as Amended) were approved by Vote 4-0, with 2 abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the 4th Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth Wilson reported Mr. Comey is nearly done with his work on the survey of the 4th Street properties; however, Michelle hasn't heard from him, and work needs to be in to the City by the end of this month. Ruth will Contact him again.
2. Hotel Arnold update: Ruth reported no fencing up yet, but Alwine reported work has begun on the veranda.
3. Hi Wo Store update: no new information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project
 - a. Ruth reported we didn't get the Grant we requested, so we may resubmit next year. Since the City is in early discussions with the architect of the new City Hall building, Ruth proposed they include the Park project with the City Hall project. Decisions on both pending.

- b. Fund raising: Gerry Thomson provided copies of old photos for use in making post cards or photos as a fund raising project at Butterfield Days 2017 (e.g. the Industrial School of Benson, the smelter, etc.). Joanne suggested we show some of the current artwork on Benson buildings on some cards/photos. We will need to discuss that further with Benson Beautification. Ruth will contact Jay Strickland at G&T Coop regarding the cost of printing for the cards and/or photos.

We need to plan for advertising at least two weeks prior to Butterfield Days, and have flyers printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Code for Commissions and the Section Twenty-four Historical Preservation Ordinance: removed from Agenda until the City has finished it's review.
2. Placing highway signs with a Historic Designation around Benson to draw in tourists: Ruth Wilson has received a form from the Highway Dept., which must be submitted for their approval. We will discuss content at our next Meeting.
3. Meeting scheduling: Ruth Wilson stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2017.

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