

# CITY OF BENSON

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### SATURDAY July 21, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on  
Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.  
at Long Reality, Benson,  
120 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Benson, AZ 85602

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Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk

### MINUTES

Chair Ruth Wilson opened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Members present: Ruth Wilson, Gerry Thomson, Irma Bernal, Gus Figueroa, Joanne Sturgeon, Alwine Frega.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

1. Michelle Johnson from the City of Benson, Steve Beller owner of the old city jail Steve Beller spoke about his purchase of the old cement jail in east Benson, the title search of ownership and his future plans for the structure. He will keep the Historical Preservation Commission informed of his progress.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Minutes of Regular Meeting January 20, 2018 were approved Vote 5-0, 1 abstained Memberships for Gus Figueroa and Alwine Frega are up for renewal by July 31, 2018

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth Wilson reported Ryden Architects, Inc. has been working on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Historical Register Survey and some progress has been made, however some issues have come up. Michelle Johnson spoke about the 1942 multi documentation format for districts accepted for the Historical Register being expanded in 1979. Many of the structures on 4<sup>th</sup> Street do not meet the criteria; therefore Ryden Architects Inc. suggested the Historical Preservation Commission change the 4<sup>th</sup> Street plan. They have suggested we approach the project under the story line of 'Transportation.' Since Benson grew because of the railroads, we find stories as to why individual structures were built to support transportation and with ownership approval, accepted structural criteria the building be placed on Historical Register. Michelle also stated the State has given us \$5,000 in addition to the previous \$10,000 to help with the project. More information will be forth

coming as the project progresses.

2. Hotel Arnold update: It was reported the project has slowed due to building permits which need approval from the city. The colors picked by Cindy Allen were not accepted by the Historical Preservation Commission and Ruth Wilson provided Cindy Allen with acceptable color samples to pick from.
3. Hi Wo Store update: It was reported the property inside the building has been sold. The future plans for the building remain on hold.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Apache Park Project
  - a. Ruth will continue to search for grants.
  - b. Fund raising: ideas continue to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Meeting scheduling: Ruth stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2018

**ADJOURNED:** Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 10:03 a.m.