

CITY OF BENSON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on
Saturday, September 16, 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 9:10 a.m.

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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Michelle Johnson from the City of Benson was present, along with David Fortner.

Mr. Fortner proposed building a new residence on a vacant lot in the Historic Neighborhood on West 6th Street in Benson. Ruth Wilson advised him we would need to call a special meeting in order to review the architectural plans and vote our approval or disapproval before the City would issue building permits. Mr. Fortner left the plans with the Commission pending the special meeting scheduling.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Minutes of Regular Meeting July 15, 2017 were approved by Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on the 4th Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth Wilson reported Mr. Comey is still working 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 September 29th. Ruth will contact him again and urge him to get the Survey in to the City no later than Wednesday, September 20.
2. Hotel Arnold update: Ruth had heard nothing from the owners.
3. Hi Wo Store update: no new information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Apache Park Project

- a. Ruth stated that we will continue to request Grants as they become available. The City is still in discussions with the architect of the new City Hall building.
- b. Fund raising: Ruth is calling a Special Meeting on September 26, 2017, to discuss as follows:
 - (1) The proposed new residence to be built by David Fortner on a vacant lot in the Historic Neighborhood on West 6th Street in Benson; and
 - (2) a proposed fundraising effort during Butterfield Days on October 14 and 15. In the meantime she will contact Lisa from Benson Clean and Beautiful and request they use part of the donation money from Apache Nitrogen to cover the cost of the historic photos we plan to offer for sale during Butterfield Days.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting scheduling: Ruth Wilson scheduled a Special Meeting for September 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 18, 2017.

ADJOURNED: Ruth Wilson called the meeting to a close at 10:00 a.m.