

# CITY OF BENSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SATURDAY September 17, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Benson Historic Preservation Commission was held on  
Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.  
at the Benson City Hall,  
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 9:02 a.m.

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

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

1. No one from the public present.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Minutes of July 16, 2016. Meeting minutes were approved. Vote 3-0, Abstained 1

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Up-date on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Historical Register Survey: Ruth stated the City Council approved the 4<sup>th</sup> Street properties for placement on the Historical Register however the number of properties were decreased. Only the properties from the Horseshoe Café (Patagonia Street) to the old Hi Wo building (Gila Street) will be included. Michelle Johnson stated after looking at the map the city decided because there were so few remaining historical buildings west of Patagonia it would not be practical to include that area for placement on the Historical Register.
2. Hotel Arnold up-date: Cindy Allen continues to work on the houses and cleaning up the property.
3. Hi Wo Store up-date: Tucson Chinese Community decided the cost to bring the building up to code was too expensive. The owners of the building did inquire about permits to demolish the Hi Wo building however they have not made a definite decision and applications have not been requested by the owners.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Apache Park Project
  - a. Grants and work with the Benson Clean & Beautiful and the other community groups continues. Our members will have to start attending their meetings.

b. Fund raising: Ruth Wilson had a meeting with Bill Stephens, Brad Hamilton and Dustin Despain from the city regarding the Apache Park and possible ways to raise funds and set up an account for the Historical Preservation Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Commission Membership: Irma Bernal submitted her membership renewal application. Discussion regarding decreasing the membership numbers.
2. Benson Motel Condemnation: Phyllis made a motion to approve the condemnation of the Benson Motel, Gerry seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Abstained 1
3. Meeting scheduling. Ruth stated the next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2016.

**WORK SESSION:**

1. Discussion regarding combining the Section Twenty-four Historical Preservation Ordinance and the City Code for Commissions. Also updating the criteria to meet today's standards. Meetings were set for September 26 and 27 at 2:30 at City Hall with possible follow up meetings on October 3 and 4 at 2:30 at City Hall.

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