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Regular Meeting
April 22, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CASA GRANDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA.

I. Call to Order & Introductions:

Chairwoman Abdallah called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present

Abdallah, Susan, Chairwoman
Jantz, Marge, Vice-Chairwoman
Blatt, David, Member
Dunley, Kathleen, Member
Hodson, Kenneth, Member
Poor, Thomas, Member
Trulove, Clara, Member

Absent

Member Warren Goff

City Staff Present

Laura Blakeman, City Planner
Linda Harris, Development Center Secretary

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting-March 25, 2013

Co-chairwoman Jantz moved to approve the minutes for March 25, 2013 with the recommended changes. Motion was seconded by Member Blatt. Motion passed 7-0.

IV. Presentations:

A. Tourism Corridor for the Butterfield Stage Route

Mr. Jerry Stabley, the Pinal County Planning and Development Director, gave a presentation on the "Tourism Corridor for the Butterfield Stage Route. This is a concept that the county would like to incorporate into their comprehensive plan. He talked about the proposed route and said that the Gila River Indian community did not want any part of the trail on their reservation.

Mrs. Blakeman said that recently the county held a meeting regarding the Tourism Corridor for the Butterfield Stage Route, which Leila DeMaree, Senior Planner attended. Upon being briefed by Ms. Demaree on the proposal, City Staff reviewed the proposed route and Staff's stated that the tourism route should follow the actual historical route of the stagecoaches in the area and it should be reflected on the map.

Mrs. Blakeman explained that the presentation by Mr. Stabley was informative and to obtain some feedback from the Commission.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked if the County was going to show the "true" historical route on the map as compared to the proposed route when the project is completed.

Chairwoman Abdallah asked for questions from the members. Co-chairwoman Jantz asked Mrs. Blakeman if the city will be making the final decision. Mrs. Blakeman said that staff would probably follow up with email to Mr. Stabley stating Staff's position.

V. Public Comments:

There were none.

VI. Reports

A. "Designating Local Landmarks"-Sign Research

Co-chairwoman Jantz reported that she and Chairwoman Abdallah have not had an opportunity to work on the list of the property owners for the sign project that was discussed at the last meeting.

Co-chairwoman Jantz talked about the Airport Tavern sign, which is now gone. She said that she tried to contact the realtor and they never returned her call. Mrs. Blakeman said that Staff had a meeting with the realtor for the Airport Tavern property however the meeting was held on various properties in the city

however Staff mentioned that the Airport Tavern sign was removed and the realtor did not have any information on why it would have been removed. The realtor stated that she would check into the matter.

Co-chairwoman Jantz said that she got a hold of the owner of the Sunset Court who lives in Colorado. She said that he gave her permission to have the Sunset Court sign removed. She sent him an email asking for something in writing showing that we have his permission to remove the sign and when we receive this, she will give it to Mrs. Blakeman so she can have Mr. Tice proceed with process of removing it. Mrs. Blakeman said that the process to remove it may have to be the start of the next fiscal year which starts July 1, 2013 due to shortage of funds.

B. History Plaque

Co-chairwoman Jantz reported that the plaque for the Casa Grande Dispatch was ordered today and it will be four to six weeks before it is completed. The Dispatch will be paying for their plaque (a copy of the plaque was included in the packet).

Co-chairwoman Jantz mentioned that we would be able to offer another plaque if we could sell three more maps.

C. Woman's Club Sign Deteriorating

Mrs. Blakeman mentioned that staff might get a submittal for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department because they are concerned that the Woman's Club sign is deteriorating. Co-chairwoman Jantz asked what they are proposing to do. Mrs. Blakeman said that they are looking at options of restoring the sign or replacing it with a new sign that would last longer. She said that there was a jagged shape sign that was behind the sign currently up there. The signs have been taken down and the Parks and Recreation Department have them in storage. The jagged sign is thicker than the current sign. If salvaging either of the signs were an option, the sign company would probably use some kind of lacquer coating to seal it. Chairwoman Abdallah asked if we wanted the apostrophe used in the Woman's Club. There was some discussion on this.

Co-chairwoman Jantz made the suggestion that they repair the jagged sign and use the apostrophe. She recommended donating the other sign to the Casa Grande Historical Society. There was further discussion on repairing the current sign before donating it to them. It was felt that the sign should be donated untouched. Mrs. Blakeman said that they would have to look at the jagged sign to see if there was enough room to put the Casa Grande Woman's Club on the sign.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked if the commission could make a recommendation tonight and the City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation can come back and counter offer. Mrs. Blakeman said that this is just for discussion today. She said that possibly at the next meeting they would be presenting the proposal.

Chairwoman Abdallah asked for comments from the members on the Evergreen District. There were none

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked about the fence that was put around the front yard at 515 E. 3rd St. Mrs. Blakeman explained that she contacted the owner and they are currently out of the state. She told them that this was discussed at the last HPC meeting and it was decided that this would be a Certificate of Appropriateness due to the amount of work done outside of the Certificate of No Effect. Staff discovered that the homeowner completed the entire front yard with a fence.

The commission members suggested that the homeowners come back for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the additional work that they had done. Mrs. Blakeman said that she went out again to measure the fence heights discovered that the homeowner added another layer of brick to the rear yard fence which is now higher than six feet. They are now in violation of the city code because the fence can't be higher than six feet. She said that she will now probably have to open a case on this issue.

Co-chairwoman Jantz said that she looked at the fence and was trying to figure out what could be done short of removing the fence. She said she thinks the color was wrong and she would encourage the members to look at the fence before it comes back to the commission for their review.

Member Blatt asked about the Pioneer Cemetery sign. Member Poor said that it blew down many years ago. There was discussion on whether it was in storage and if it was going to be replaced. Member Poor said that it was a newer sign and not significant.

Chairwoman Abdallah talked about the member's term in office and what is the next step so that all of the members don't leave at the same time. Mrs. Blakeman explained that for all boards and commissions a member would still serve until a replacement is found. Chairwoman Abdallah asked about the process of getting replacements. Mrs. Blakeman said that the City Clerk's office will advertise for the positions. There was discussion on the members that are due to be replaced and the ones still eligible to serve on the commission. Mrs. Blakeman said she will verify with the City Clerk's office and report back to the members.

Mrs. Blakeman said that they would possibly be getting a Certificate of No Effect for 904 N. Kadota, which is in the Evergreen District. She explained that the homeowner purchased the property last June and would like to make some repairs to it. She inquired about replacing the windows. Mrs. Blakeman said that when she went to look at the property, somebody had previously replaced the windows and stuccoed it and the carport also previously been partially enclosed.

Mrs. Blakeman said she spoke with SHPO and was informed that this house is not a contributor and due to the previous alternations completed, that the homeowner could do just about anything that they wanted to the existing house.. She said that the owner also discussed tearing the house down and rebuilding it, leaving the trees in the front of the property.

Co-chairwoman Jantz requested that Mrs. Blakeman check to see if the house was going to be re-built, would it have to be consistent with the rest of the neighborhood. She also asked if it would then be a Certificate of Appropriateness and come back to the commission for their review. Mrs. Blakeman said that she thinks it would still be a Certificate of No Effect for the demolition, but not sure about the rebuild and she would check into the procedure. She also said that the homeowner stated that she is willing to obtain feedback from the Commission on the exterior of the house.

Mrs. Blakeman informed the members that Staff applied for a grant to attend the Historic Preservation Commission Conference on June 13th to 15th 2013. City Council was supportive of applying for grant and just recently she received an email that the grant was approved. City Staff will process the paperwork to ask the City Council to accept the grant. The grant is to send four people to the conference, Mr. Tice, Mrs. Blakeman, Co-chairwoman Jantz and Member Blatt.

VII. Adjournment:

Chairwoman Abdallah called for adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted this **10th day of May 2013** by Laura Blakeman, Ex Officio Member of the Casa Grande Historic Preservation Commission, subject to the Commission's approval.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2013, by the Casa Grande Historic Preservation Commission.

Chairperson Abdallah