

AGENDA ITEM _____
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Regular Meeting
May 28, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CASA GRANDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA.

I. Call to Order:

Chairwoman Abdallah called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present

Abdallah, Susan, Chairwoman
Jantz, Marge, Co-Chairwoman
Goff, Warren, Member
Hodson, Kenneth, Member
Poor, Thomas, Member
Trulove, Clara, Member

Absent

David Blatt, Member
Kathleen Dunley, Member

City Staff Present

Laura Blakeman, City Planner
Linda Harris, Development Center Secretary

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting-April 22, 2013

Member Hodson moved to approve the minutes for April 22, 2013. Motion was seconded by Member Trulove. Motion passed 6-0.

IV. Presentations:

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

A. Request by City of Casa Grande Community Services Department, 510 E. Florence Boulevard, Casa Grande, AZ 85122 for the following request:

1. DSA-13-00061: Sign proposal for the Casa Grande Woman's Club, a historic building listed on the local and national registers located at 407 N. Sacaton Street.

Mrs. Blakeman gave an overview of the existing signs at the Woman's Club, which are deteriorating. She explained that the existing sign that was attached to the building is actually in two pieces and approximately 10' feet in length. It appears to have been painted with a white background and color lettering. When the sign was removed, staff found another sign located underneath the current sign. This sign appears to be an older sign with "Womans Club" routed into the wood and also appears to have been painted with a white background. Mrs. Blakeman discussed the possible options by the Community Services Department. She said that staff is recommending two options for the Historic Preservation Commission to consider approving; the Certificate of Appropriateness to refurbish the existing sign, if salvageable, as it appears to be based on a sign company's opinion, or install a new sign located at the Woman's Club located at 407 N. Sacaton.

Caryl Chase, City of Casa Grande Community Services Department Recreation Superintendent addressed the Commission. She talked about the repairs that would be done to the signs and the maintenance involved. She explained that they obtained an estimate on the cost to repair the older sign, which would be to sand down the sign, plug the nail holes and repair the routing of the letters. They would also put a sealer on the sign. She said that they would like to keep this sign because it is the original sign and if it was not going to be used outside on the building, they would keep it inside. If it were to be used outside on the building then they would have maintenance done on the sign approximately every two years.

Chairwoman Abdallah asked for questions or comments from the members. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that she would like to see the repairs done to the original sign and donate the second sign to the historical society. There was discussion on the advantages of installing a new sign. Member Poor said that he would like to see the original sign back up. There was some further discussion on not being able to read the sign if they reinstalled the original sign. Member Goff asked when the name was changed from Casa Grande Woman's Club to Woman's Club. None of the Members or Staff knew when the name was changed on the signs.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked if when the sign person came down and looked at original sign did he have any input on whether there had been paint on there before. Caryl Chase said that he never mentioned it.

Co-chairwoman Jantz made the motion to recommend to the Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department to rehab the original wood routed sign and donate the current sign to the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society. Motion was seconded by Member Trulove. Motion passed 6-0.

Caryl Chase asked if the members wanted the sign painted white with black lettering. She said that the sign company would put a seal over the sign. The Commission agreed that sign should be painted white with black lettering and sealed.

VII. Call to the Public:

VIII. Report by Officers:

A. "Designating Local Landmarks" – Sign Research Update

Co-chairwoman Jantz said that she has completed the project and has given it to Mrs. Blakeman. Mrs. Blakeman said that she has not created the database yet. Co-chairwoman Jantz told her that she would help key in the information once the database is created. She asked Mrs. Blakeman if it would be ready for next meeting. Mrs. Blakeman said that she would work on preparing it for the next meeting. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that we have all of the addresses and phone numbers to complete the database.

Co-chairwoman Jantz mentioned that there is a ghost sign that was missed. It was Mountain Bell (MA Bell). She looked up the ownership information on the county records but could not find the local information and asked Staff to try to obtain the information.

Co-chairwoman Jantz informed the Commission that the Airport Tavern was removed from the site and just recently the pole disappeared. It appears to be cut off at the ground.

Co-chairwoman Jantz reported that they were able to get the Sunset Court sign. She thanked Steve Miller, Al and Rileys and Member Poor. She said that the sign is in really bad condition and will need some work done to it. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that she wanted to talk to the commission about once we get it cleaned and repaired they want to donate the sign to the historical society.

Co-chairwoman Jantz talked about beams at the Sunset Court that in recent years were painted blue and white. The original colors were yellows and oranges. She said that they would like to repaint the beams back to their original colors. They would do the painting themselves.

Co-chairwoman Jantz said that Mr. Osborn, came down and watched them when

they were removing the sign. Mr. Osborn informed Ms. Jantz that 80 years ago next month he was born in the Sunset Court building and he thanked her for saving the sign.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked Mrs. Blakeman if she will have the consent form ready that was previously discussed at another meeting so that the members could start talking to the business owners about designating their signs as local landmarks. Mrs. Blakeman said that she would work on the consent form.

Co-chairwoman Jantz was asked to explain the process that she went through to obtain the Sunset Court sign. She said that a few months ago Mr. Tice told her that once the owner gave us permission to remove the sign, he would have Code Enforcement funds pay for the take down and hire a company to get it down. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that at the last meeting she had the owner's verbal approval to personally take the sign but she needed to obtain the permission in writing. Mrs. Blakeman informed the Commission at the last meeting that the city would not have enough funding to remove the sign until the new fiscal year which starts July 1st. Since then, Co-chairwoman Jantz contacted the owner and he gave the sign to her personally in writing and stated that the sign was hers to "do as she pleases". Afterward, she talked to Steve Miller and was told that he could get a crane from Al & Riley's if she could get a trailer. Member Poor volunteered his trailer. That same week they made the necessary arrangements and the sign was taken down.

Co-Chairwoman Jantz presented pictures of the sign removal to the members. She said that she sent "thank you's" to everyone involved and also sent a picture of the sign being taken down along with the thank you card to the owners and informed them about Mr. Osborn's presence and story.

B. History Plaque Update

Co-chairwoman Jantz said that there is enough money in the plaque fund to pay for half of two more plaques. The cost for each plaque is \$315.00. She said that the Western Trading Post would like to have a plaque and has agreed to pay for half. Mrs. Blakeman handed out a copy of their history plaque write up. Co-chairwoman Jantz discussed the "draft" write up for the Sprouse Reitz building. She asked if the members had anything to add because she would like to get the plaques ordered. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that Kara Cooper from the Casa Grande Dispatch has offered to help market the original Townsite maps.

C. Evergreen District/Historic Properties monitoring.

Member Trulove asked Mrs Blakeman for an update on Cucos (Cruz Trading Post), as the City was trying to acquire the building through RICO funds.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked about several different properties:

515 E. 3rd St. The fence that was recently built. at this property This house is on the national register and has a plaque. She thinks that we need to be relentless about getting the fence corrected as the color of the fence detracts from the house and is visually disturbing. She asked Mrs. Blakeman if she had any information for the Commission. Mrs. Blakeman stated that a letter will be sent to the owners as they are out of state at this time and they will need to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission.

Murphy Hall (215 N. Picacho Street). She said that they are doing a big rehab and are making changes to the front of the building. She said that the Commission was previously told by them that nothing would be affected on the front of the building. Co-chairwoman Jantz asked if Mrs. Blakeman talked to the pastor of the church Mrs. Blakeman informed the Commission that she has left a message for the contact person, business manager to call her back in regards to the work that is being done.

Co-chairwoman Jantz discussed a 1997 letter that was sent to Murphy Hall telling them that they were nominated to be put on the historic register.

904 N. Kadota – Any update from the owner, as the owner was inquiring about demolition and a rebuild. Co-Chairwoman Jantz questioned if SHPO is stating the house has been compromised (lost integrity) at what point that happened as it was a district contributor. When did SHPO move the status from a district contributor to a non contributor, as SHPO has informed Staff that the owner can do what she wants with the property. Co-chairwoman Jantz stated that the building was individually eligible and could be on the national register until May of 2005, therefore she would like to see something in writing from SHPO to clarify the status.

1036 N Brown- This house is a district contributor. The owner's nephew had previously met with the commission to replace the windows and was going to replace the siding. Co-chairwoman wanted to report that the siding has still not been replaced. She thinks that they should be notified as to when this would be completed.

1126 N. Brown - There is a dumpster in the front yard that has been there for over a year. This house is a non-contributor. Co-chairwoman Jantz asked Mrs. Blakeman how long they are entitled to have a dumpster in their yard.

1112 N. Kadota - This is the house that has the fence around the front yard. Co-chairwoman Jantz said that this house is a non-contributor. The fence was started but never finished. She asked Mrs. Blakeman if the owners were ever contacted and why it is not finished.

Co-chairwoman Jantz asked Mrs. Blakeman if she heard back from Stimco about picking up the mold for the plaque and pedestal. She said that they won't return her phone calls. She asked if Mrs. Blakeman would have Mr. Tice call them.

IX. Adjournment:

Chairwoman Abdallah called for adjournment at 7:09 p.m.

Submitted this 21st **day of June 2013** by Linda Harris, Secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission, subject to the Commission's approval.

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

Chairperson Abdallah