

City of Cottonwood
Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2013, 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers 826 N. Main Street, Cottonwood, Arizona 86326

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elinski called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Historic Preservation Commission Members Present:

Tim Elinski, Chairman
Ryan Bigelow

Glenda Farley

Karen Leff

Staff Members Present:

Berrin Nejad, Community Development Manager
Charlie Scully, Community Development Long-Range Planner
Christina Papa, Senior Administrative Assistant, Recorder

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2013 MEETING

Motion: To approve the minutes from 03/13/2013 with corrections.

Made by: Chairman Elinski

Second: Commissioner Farley

Vote: Unanimous

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Elinski had met with members from Dewy-Humboldt to give ideas to them that could assist with the progress of their Historic Preservation Commission.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

Historic Preservation ordinance was presented to the City Council on the June 4th meeting and will have a 2nd hearing on June 18th. The next step to work on is the overlay district landmarking and educating the public of the Historic Preservation benefits.

HISTORIC PROPERTY LANDMARKING PROGRAM

The Commission discussed as to what the differences are in tax reduction for commercial property vs. residential property for the landmarking program. Certain criteria for tax reduction on historical landmarks for Federal, however, State may be different if the property is listed on the National Historic Preservation list. It was decided to contact SHPO to see if there is a State tax reduction available.

Commissioner Leff had asked about an opt in/opt out for individuals that no longer want to be considered a historical landmark. Staff confirmed that the property owners would have up to a three (3) year window to opt in/opt out as per Proposition 207.

It was also suggested that there be a step-by-step process for individuals who want to make their property a historical landmark. Chairman Elinski had suggested that the commission should practice on an application in order to see the problem areas before it is finalized.

OUTREACH STRATEGY

Chairman Elinski had made some suggestions about approaching City Council to discuss possible 50/50 grant for historical preservation. It was also discussed about historic walkthroughs/tours as ways to outreach into the community. Chairman Elinski had suggested that he would research more on how it works.

Fundraising events were also suggested for plaques and sign toppers.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: ***To adjourn the meeting.***

Made by: ***Commissioner Bigelow***

Second: ***Commissioner Leff***

Vote: ***Unanimous***

Chairman Elinski adjourned the meeting at 7:05p.m.