

City of Las Vegas

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
CITY CLERKS FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES October 26, 2011 12:15 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR STOLDAL and MEMBERS WRIGHT, HAUSCH, KLENK, BELLIS, VELTMAN, WHITE, McMILLAN-ARNOLD, LeVINE (excused until 12:20 p.m.), BECK and MOONEY

EXCUSED: MEMBER MILLMAN

NOTE: The seat of Richard Cuppett will remain vacant until filled.

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES LEWIS and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL received confirmation from DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES LEWIS that compliance with the Open Meeting Law should be ascertained prior to roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 400 Stewart Avenue, Vending Area; City Clerks Bulletin Board, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2nd Floor Skybridge; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North; Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

3. PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes:

None.

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4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Historic Preservation Commission regular meeting of September 28, 2011](#)

Motion made by JAMES VELTMAN to Approve

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

5. [HPC-42808 For possible action regarding a plan for digitizing the historic Las Vegas Age newspaper and installation of interpretive elements at the site of the former Pop Squires house, located at 400 South Seventh Street \(APN 139-34-701-009\), C-1 \(Limited Commercial\) Zone, Ward 3 \(Coffin\)](#)

Motion made by DOROTHY WRIGHT to Approve the plan with the missing years 1916 and 1923 to be filled in and directing staff to send the draft wording of the plaque to the Commission members

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY reviewed the background of the property and read the staff report as presented in the backup documentation.

MEMBER WRIGHT suggested filling in the two missing years, 1916 and 1923, and go on from there. CHAIR STOLDAL stated that the library had an individual who championed the digitizing of the newspaper but when that person left, the project fell flat. He received confirmation from MEMBER WRIGHT that she would like the gaps filled in and then carry on where the old project left off until the money runs out.

MEMBER MOONEY confirmed for CHAIR STOLDAL that the wording for the historic marker, as presented in the backup documentation, is only a draft. The Chair stated that RON JAMES, State Historic Preservation Office, has been very helpful throughout this process.

SCOTT BROWN, DesignCell Architecture, stated that he had been in communication with MR. JAMES to obtain the correct wording on the marker and that he would pursue it until the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members are satisfied. MEMBER MOONEY stated that the Historic Preservation Office will be working with the HPC on some of the images for the interior exhibits.

MEMBER LeVINE received clarification from CHAIR STOLDAL that if the scanning project runs out of funds prior to completion, another source of funding will need to be found. The Chair also clarified that the cost not only includes the scanning, but also the indexing and data input of the scanned images. An additional \$40,000 will probably have to be raised.

CHAIR STOLDAL indicated to MEMBER BECK that the wording of the historical marker had been revised after the backup had been submitted for the meeting. JOSH TURLEY and WILL STAJDUHAR of The Korte Company were present. MR. TURLEY confirmed that the phrasing MEMBER BECK referred to was removed.

CHAIR STOLDAL stated that copies of the newest version could be sent out and MEMBER MOONEY confirmed they would be sent by the following week for feedback.

6. [HPC-43520 For possible action regarding National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Morelli House, located at 861 Bridger Avenue \(APN 139-34-701-002\), C-V \(Civic\) Zone, Ward 5 \(Barlow\)](#)

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Motion made by CLAYTEE WHITE to Approve subject to the condition that any comments by the Commission members be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY reviewed the nomination and stated the house meets the National Register criteria as presented in the staff report. She indicated that she had spoken to RON JAMES, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), who stressed that this is still in draft form and there will be a couple of revisions before it goes before the Nevada State Board of Museums and History in December 2011. Representatives from of the Morelli House were hoping to soften the fact that the building had been moved and although the SHPO was not willing to do that, it did not believe it will create a problem. MR. JAMES also requested the HPCs comments be forwarded to him.

MEMBER MOONEY confirmed for MEMBER HAUSCH that the Morelli House is individually listed and does not fall within the boundaries of the Las Vegas High School Neighborhood Historic District. MEMBER McMILLAN-ARNOLD clarified that moving the property served to preserve it and that there is no need to soften that fact.

CHAIR STOLDAL received confirmation from MEMBER MOONEY that if the HPC approves the request, it can be done with the condition that the board's comments be forwarded to SHPO.

MEMBER BECK verified with MEMBER MOONEY that the wording of this draft did not include softened language and stated she was fine with the current verbiage.

MEMBER MOONEY explained to MEMBER McMILLAN-ARNOLD that relocated properties tend to be a sticking point for the National Register, which is the reason for the concern over the wording.

7. [HPC-43525 For possible action regarding the survey area for the 2012 Historic Preservation Fund grant to include a portion of the Beverly Green Neighborhood, generally bounded by East St. Louis Avenue, Santa Rosa Drive, East Sahara Avenue and South Sixth Street on the north, west, south and east respectively \(Multiple APNs\), P-R \(Professional Office and Parking\), C-1\(Limited Commercial\), R-1 \(Single Family Residential\), R-2 \(Medium-Low Density Residential\), R-3 \(Medium Density Residential\) and R-4 \(High Density Residential\) Zones, Ward 3 \(Coffin\)](#)

Motion made by BOB BELLIS to Approve

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY read the report and outlined monies received in various years for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant. She informed CHAIR STOLDAL that a cost estimate had not been created yet, but she would provide a copy of the grant, which is due December 1, 2011. She also confirmed for the Chair that although the award is typically \$40,000 annually, she had to start asking for less because the timelines had been so short that the City has been unable to come up with a match. However, the State Historic Preservation Office has been receiving its funds earlier, which has given staff a little more time.

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8. [HPC-43526 For possible action regarding vacating the November Historic Preservation Commission meeting date, and holding the December Historic Preservation Commission meeting on December 14, 2011, All Wards](#)

Motion made by BOB BELLIS to Approve vacating the 11/2011 meeting and holding the December meeting on 12/14/2011

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

Minutes:

Items 8 and 9 were heard together.

MEMBER MOONEY recommended vacating the November meeting and moving the December meeting to December 14, 2011. She also noted that there will not be a meeting held in February 2012 due to the relocation to the new City Hall.

CHAIR STOLDAL confirmed that the first meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee in the new City Hall will be held on March, 28, 2012.

9. [HPC-43527 For possible action regarding the 2012 Historic Preservation Commission meeting schedule, All Wards](#)

Motion made by BOB BELLIS to Approve

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 2

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, DOROTHY WRIGHT, BOB STOLDAL, JAMES VELTMAN, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, JACK LeVINE, COLLEEN BECK; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(COURTNEY MOONEY); Excused-(DAVID MILLMAN), VACANT

Minutes:

See Item 8 for related discussion.

10. [Report by Department of Planning regarding update on Westside School restoration project, located at 330 West Washington Avenue \(APNs 139-27-211-053 & 139-27-211-058\), C-V \(Civic\) Zone, Ward 5 \(Barlow\)](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY read the report on the final community stakeholder meeting. The presentation was well received, with approximately 35 attendees. The restoration project is moving into the design phase and the final master plan document is expected in December 2011. She confirmed for CHAIR STOLDAL that the next time this matter will come before the HPC is in December. There will not be any further public meetings regarding the master plan, but there will be some toward the end of the design phase, which is expected to be in approximately one year.

MEMBER McMILLAN-ARNOLD received clarification from MEMBER MOONEY that the coordination team will most likely be dissolved after one final wrap-up meeting.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if this matter will be presented to the City Council for acceptance, but MEMBER MOONEY stated she did not know and would need to follow up on the question.

11. [Report by Department of Planning regarding final report for 2010 Historic Preservation Fund grant, Phase II: Beverly Green Neighborhood Historic Resource Survey and Inventory, generally bounded by East St. Louis Avenue and Sahara Avenue on the north and south respectively, and Las Vegas Boulevard and South](#)

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Sixth Street on the west and east respectively (Multiple APNs), P-R (Professional Office and Parking), C-1 (Limited Commercial), C-2 (General Commercial), R-1 (Single Family Residential), R-2 (Medium-Low Density Residential), R-3 (Medium Density Residential), R-4 (High Density Residential), and R-5 (Apartment) Zones, Ward 3 (Coffin)

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY discussed the 2010 Historic Preservation Fund grant report and stated that the final report had been submitted to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). She explained that this is a retroactive report because Phase I has been completed and Phase II is in progress. She concluded by reviewing the maps and findings of the survey and inventory that had been submitted as backup.

CHAIR STOLDAL questioned some of the facts presented in the report section entitled Historic Context; specifically, the information provided on the exodus of the Mormon missionaries and HELEN STEWART'S land sale to SENATOR ANDREWS in 1902. The Chair voiced his concern that the City was distributing information that could be erroneous and wondered if changes could be made, although he believed MELLA ROTHWELL HARMON to be a respected historian. MEMBER MOONEY explained that the report had already been accepted, but that additional comments could be provided to the SHPO.

12. Report by Department of Planning regarding letter from citizen regarding status of Woodlawn Cemetery, located at 1500 Las Vegas Boulevard North (APN 139-26-101-003), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 5 (Barlow)

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY stated that she was copied on a letter to CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI about concerns with Woodlawn Cemetery. Some of the concerns included the unkempt appearance of the property, as well as its use by homeless people at night, but CHAIR STOLDAL stated those issues had been resolved.

MEMBER McMILLAN-ARNOLD asked if the City was going to make sure that the private contractor was adequately maintaining the property and was told by DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES LEWIS that the City will be paying more attention to make sure further complaints are not filed.

MEMBER JACK LeVINE received confirmation from CHAIR STOLDAL that the cemetery was also owned and operated by the City, but that the lot may have been deeded by the railroad.

13. Report by Department of Planning regarding public outreach items

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY stated that the Historic Connection newsletter was printed and is out for distribution. CHAIR STOLDAL indicated a buyer or leaser is still being sought for the Victory Hotel. MEMBER WHITE appreciated the great report and all of the attachments.

MEMBER MOONEY discussed the increase in historic-related articles in various local publications. CHAIR STOLDAL believes there will be more of these types of stories as the local municipalities begin to take more aggressive approaches to the opening of historic museums and structures, such as the Neon and Mob Museums. He also mentioned that there are three historic structures being used, sold or leased by the City. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JAMES LEWIS clarified that there is a request for a quote (RFQ) for these sites and that applications will be scrutinized for the best utilizations of these sites to benefit the city, the citizens and the historical value. The results of the RFQs will not be before the HPC until after the New Year.

MEMBER LeVINE received clarification from CHAIR STOLDAL that the lease for the old Nevada State Museum stipulated that the city would donate the land to the state for the museum as long as it was being used for that purpose. However, if the property is no longer used for a museum, property ownership reverts back to the city. The new museum would be opening that weekend and have fabulous displays. It will be dedicated by the Governor in November 2011.

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14. Report by Department of Planning regarding Project Update list

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY stated that the report on the 2011 Historic Preservation Fund grant was received.

15. Report by Department of Planning regarding Downtown Project list

Minutes:

In the absence of FLINN FAGG, Director of Planning, who normally gives this report, MEMBER MOONEY explained that although she would entertain questions, she may need to follow up with any specific questions. She confirmed for CHAIR STOLDAL that Signs on Sticks D, E and F were part of the next phase and had not been completed yet, and clarified that the Lucky Cuss Motel was located on Fremont Street. She then explained that signs D, E and F were additional signs being purchased with the 2009 Scenic Byways Grant.

16. Report by Department of Planning regarding Historic Preservation Commission Centennial Legacy budget

Minutes:

MEMBER MOONEY stated there were no expenses to report.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if the Commission would be granted \$75,000 from the Commission For The Las Vegas Centennial. MEMBER MOONEY confirmed that the Historic Preservation Commission had already received two allotments of \$75,000 and that a third allotment would have to go back before the Centennial Commission. She also indicated that the HPC has only just begun spending the second allotment. It is possible that a third allotment was included in the budget as a placeholder, but it would not be granted until the initial allotments are spent.

17. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes:

None.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Courtney Mooney, Planning

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