

City of Las Vegas

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

March 23, 2016

12:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR STOLDAL and MEMBERS WHITE (excused until 12:04 p.m.), HAUSCH, BELLIS, LeVINE, HOTCHKISS, SERFAS, COSGROVE and RUBINSON (ex-officio member)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS KLENK, McMILLAN-ARNOLD, BECK and MOONEY (ex-officio member)

ALSO PRESENT: BRYAN SCOTT, Assistant City Attorney, and JACQUIE MILLER, Deputy City Clerk

NOTE: NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, was present on behalf of COMMISSIONER MOONEY.

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Building, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

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, PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE AND 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. THE PUBLIC IS ALSO WELCOME TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS AS EACH ITEM IS BEING HEARD BY THE BOARD.](#)

Minutes:

None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2016](#)

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Motion made by DONALD L. HOTCHKISS JR to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 5

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, BOB STOLDAL, JACK LeVINE, DONALD L. HOTCHKISS JR, RICHARD SERFAS, SONDRAS COSGROVE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-SAMANTHA RUBINSON; Excused-CLAYTEE WHITE, PATRICK KLENK, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, COLLEEN BECK, COURTNEY MOONEY

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL stated that according to a recent seminar, the Attorney General indicated that cities must post their meeting minutes prior to them being approved if they include action items. He will be sending a letter to the City Attorney's office requesting a formal determination of whether or not that applies to the Historic Preservation Commission. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT stated that an answer would be provided at this Commission's next meeting.

5. [HPC-63286 ABEYANCE ITEM For possible action regarding public outreach regarding the city of Las Vegas date of incorporation All Wards](#)

Motion made by BOB BELLIS to Approve the recommendation to the City Council that the Las Vegas' incorporation date be changed to June 1, 1911

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 4

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, BOB STOLDAL, JACK LeVINE, DONALD L. HOTCHKISS JR, RICHARD SERFAS, SONDRAS COSGROVE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-SAMANTHA RUBINSON; Excused-PATRICK KLENK, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, COLLEEN BECK, COURTNEY MOONEY

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL passed around and submitted for the record numerous documents regarding Las Vegas' incorporation date, and he stated that the Las Vegas city seal could not have been adopted on May 16, 1911 because the first meeting for the city did not occur until June 22nd. He questioned what the official incorporation date was. He informed the Commissioners that on March 16th, legislation was passed; on March 17th, the governor enabled legislation which called for the people of Las Vegas to determine if they wanted to become an incorporated city. The election was held on June 1st; 245 ballots were cast, and approximately 75 percent were in favor of incorporation. The statute also said that the County Commission should canvas the vote to make sure it was accurate and then issue a certification; the certification was done on June 5th. The first meeting was held, and the newspaper reported that Las Vegas was a full-fledged incorporated city. CHAIR STOLDAL questioned how to determine the city's incorporation date. He thought it was the day the citizens voted to be incorporated, but there were questions if it would have been on March 16th when the legislature passed legislation or on March 17th when the governor signed it and the law became active.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT explained that in most legislative sessions, and usually when the governor signs there will be an effective date. He stated that after an election, laws do not usually take effect until a particular date. It needs to be determined if there was an effective date or if it was effective on the date the vote was certified by the Clerk. CHAIR STOLDAL said that the Nevada legislature has control over a lot of things that cities and counties do, and they drafted the city charter. The only effective date he found was when the vote was certified, but he also thought that the symbolic day could be when the citizens voted to incorporate.

CHAIR STOLDAL did not think the City would be affected negatively if the date was changed, but ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT explained that there may be a fiscal impact based on the possibility of changing the dates on the seals everywhere they are located. He believed that the Historic Preservation Commission could recommend what date they deemed to be appropriate, but the City Council would make the ultimate determination.

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CHAIR STOLDAL reiterated that the seal could not have been adopted on March 16th and informed the Commissioners that June 3rd was when the newspaper declared Las Vegas as incorporated. He thought this Commission could pass a resolution and make a request that the City Attorney's office research and determine the date after looking at the statutes and the enabling legislation. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT thought it was best for the Historic Preservation Commission to make some sort of recommendation to the City Council.

TOM PERRIGO, Director of Planning, asked if the Commissioners had a solid position on what they believed to be the correct date. CHAIR STOLDAL stated that this Commission has focused on the importance of correct dates, and he felt comfortable passing a resolution suggesting that June 1, 1911 was the date of incorporation, and additional Commissioners agreed. COMMISSIONER LeVINE referred to the last paragraph on page three of the handout titled "When Did Las Vegas Become an Incorporated City?", and he pointed out that the date should read June 22, 1911 instead of January 22, 1911.

Subsequent to the vote, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT stated that staff would determine a method for getting the information to the City Council. CHAIR STOLDAL said that he had gone through the 1911 newspapers, but he had not gone through the Nevada State Journal. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT stated that if staff finds further information, it would be presented to this Commission.

In response to COMMISSIONER LeVINE'S inquiry, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT stated that the city seals are everywhere, and staff would make the determination regarding a fiscal impact and bring this back as an agenda item at a future meeting.

6. [HPC-63284 ABEYANCE ITEM For possible action regarding naming and category revisions to the HPC Annual Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation All Wards](#)

Motion made by BOB STOLDAL to Approve renaming the Bricks and Mortar category award to the Dorothy Wright Award for Excellence

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 4

BOB BELLIS, MARY HAUSCH, CLAYTEE WHITE, BOB STOLDAL, JACK LeVINE, DONALD L. HOTCHKISS JR, RICHARD SERFAS, SONDRAS COSGROVE; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-SAMANTHA RUBINSON; Excused-PATRICK KLENK, JARMILLA McMILLAN-ARNOLD, COLLEEN BECK, COURTNEY MOONEY

Minutes:

CHAIR STOLDAL thought there was an opportunity to name one of the annual awards in honor of DOROTHY WRIGHT. MS. WRIGHT was involved in helping to preserve the bricks and mortar in the community for decades. He suggested naming the award the Dorothy Wright Award for Excellence in the Bricks and Mortar category.

7. [HPC-63749 For possible action regarding 2016 Historic Preservation and Archaeology Month theme and activities All Wards](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, informed the Commissioners that individuals and organizations will be recognized with Historic Preservation awards at the City Council meeting on May 18th. CHAIR STOLDAL encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

MS. EDDOWES stated that cars had been reserved for the Commissioners for the Helldorado Days parade, and the Boy Scouts would carry the banners. Staff inquired about attendance by the Commissioners, and ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT suggested that staff send a notice to the Commissioners and they could sign up. CHAIR STOLDAL encouraged the Commissioners to submit ideas to COMMISSIONER MOONEY regarding activities related to the proposed theme for Historic Preservation month.

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8. [Report by Department of Planning regarding the Historic Preservation Commission Centennial Legacy Budget](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, referred to the updated budget, which was included in the backup, and showed the most recent Dairy Barn update for Horses4Heroes at Tule Springs.

CHAIR STOLDAL stated that \$30,000 was set aside for the mid-century auto courts and would fall in line once the Huntridge project was finished. He informed the Commissioners that the Huntridge survey had been narrowed down, and the Purchasing and Contracts Department was negotiating the contract.

9. [Report by Department of Planning regarding the development of a mobile application for historic, cultural and public art sites All Wards](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, stated that COMMISSIONERS COSGROVE and LeVINE had been helping with this project which started as a mobile app (application). Due to cost effectiveness, it was determined that it was better to go through the City's website. COMMISSIONER MOONEY will report to this Commission in May regarding how the site has been set up, and there will be time to make necessary changes prior to it being published.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked how the City's website was coming along, and TOM PERRIGO, Director of Planning, stated that it needs some fine tuning, but he believed staff would meet the upcoming roll out date.

10. [Report by Department of Planning regarding the Planning Project Map, Ward 1 \(Tarkanian\), Ward 3 \(Coffin\) and Ward 5 \(Barlow\)](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, referenced the map, which was included as backup, and forewarned the Commissioners that staff was working on the City's website so from time to time the links may not work as expected. She stated that some alterations had been made to the map to make it easier to read.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if there was anything the Commissioners should be aware of, and TOM PERRIGO, Director of Planning, stated that it contained a lot of similar types of projects and applications that have been coming through.

CHAIR STOLDAL noticed the map numbers tend to get lost when laying the map over the arrows/marks. COMMISSIONER RUBINSON agreed, and she asked who the map was intended for. MS. EDDOWES said it was for anyone who could access the City's website. COMMISSIONER RUBINSON pointed out that the acronyms need to be defined so the general public would know what they mean. MR. PERRIGO agreed, and he thought that staff could work on the project names as well. He recalled that this started with the Historic Preservation Commission as an opportunity to make sure the Commissioners were kept up to date on projects in areas that have important historic resources.

MS. EDDOWES asked how long approved projects should appear on the map, and after discussion amongst the Commissioners, they determined that 90 days was appropriate. MR. PERRIGO asked if the map was updated prior to each of this Commission's meetings, and MS. EDDOWES replied that it should be.

11. [Report by Department of Planning regarding historic and archaeological resources in local media](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, referred to the informational articles that were provided to the Commissioners as part of the backup. She stated that some articles were printed in the newspaper, and some were only available online; staff is continuously looking for information. CHAIR STOLDAL pointed out that the articles were print versus television/radio, and he thought it would be nice if the television/radio websites had links to information of historical significance. TOM PERRIGO, Director of Planning, stated that he would look into that, and he explained that the Communications Department collects and disperses pertinent information to the different departments within the City.

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12. [Report by Department of Planning regarding Project Update list](#)

Minutes:

NICOLE EDDOWES, Planner II, referenced a spreadsheet that was included as backup and briefly reviewed the updated information.

Staff is looking into replacing the banners in the Berkley Square Historic District with a more durable material as the wind and sun make it difficult for cloth material to hold up for a long period of time. MS. EDDOWES confirmed for COMMISSIONER WHITE that the art would remain the same.

The light fixtures for the Dairy Barn at Floyd Lamb Park have been purchased and installed.

Staff reviewed the proposals for the Huntridge Neighborhood nomination and will provide an update at this Commission's meeting in April.

A company set up a rock quarry without the proper business license on the Moulin Rouge site; they are under notice that they must remove the materials from the historical site and secure the proper licensing. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY BRYAN SCOTT informed the Commissioners that the gentleman who has the Moulin Rouge Holding Corporation deposited the material onto the site. The Moulin Rouge is in receivership, and the gentleman entered into an agreement with the receiver to demolish the buildings surrounding the historically designated section. The foundation materials will be crushed into Type 2 gravel and dispersed throughout the site. CHAIR STOLDAL asked what was left that was historic, and ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT stated that he has a request into COMMISSIONER MOONEY, Historical Preservation Officer, to make that determination and to make sure the site does not lose its historical designation. The lease agreement prohibits the demolition of anything historical on the 5.5 acre site. CHAIR STOLDAL suggested contacting the Centennial Commission as they funded a project to determine if there was anything of historic nature that could be restored; he believed the answer to that was no but stated that ESTHER REINCKE, Executive Director of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, would be able to provide that information. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT stated that the buildings within the historically designated area would not be touched for now. MS. EDDOWES added that anything that is done to a historic building or on the site must come before this Commission first for review.

The funding has been secured to repair the signs in the median of the Scenic Byway, and COMMISSIONER MOONEY will provide an additional update at a future meeting. MS. EDDOWES explained that some of the signs have been vandalized, damaged or are worn from age. TOM PERRIGO, Director of Planning, thought these were located near the Mob Museum. ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Section Manager, stated that there is a mix of signs and different degrees of maintenance required, and he confirmed for CHAIR STOLDAL that they are the median signs on sticks. The Neon Museum wants the City to have a more formal maintenance agreement prior to loaning more signs for the next phase of Las Vegas Boulevard improvements. There is temporary funding to make repairs, and staff is working on a more permanent agreement between the Neon Museum and the City's Public Works and Operations and Maintenance Departments. CHAIR STOLDAL informed the Commissioners that there was a Centennial Commission meeting on March 28th, and the City will be making a \$1,000,000 request regarding neon signs. He also asked if the Commissioners could receive an update regarding the status of the sign repairs at their next meeting, and MS. EDDOWES replied in the affirmative.

MS. EDDOWES referred to a copy of the receivership for the Moulin Rouge, which was included in the backup, and ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT clarified that the entire site was in receivership of the Moulin Rouge Holding Corporation, which is also the contractor working on the Neon project. For CHAIR STOLDAL, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT explained that money was loaned on the property, and the loan was in default so it went into receivership. ATTORNEY KEVIN HANCHETT was appointed by the Court as the receiver, and he has been working with SCOTT JOHNSON who has the holding company and plans to demolish the buildings surrounding the Moulin Rouge historical site. MR. JOHNSON would like to purchase the property eventually. COMMISSIONER LeVINE asked what would be done with the property, and ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT replied that MR. JOHNSON had not indicated what his plans were. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY SCOTT also confirmed for COMMISSIONER LeVINE that materials from crushing the Treeline Condo foundations would be spread throughout the site to level it. COMMISSIONER WHITE was interested in speaking with MR. JOHNSON.

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See Item 13 for related discussion.

13. Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items by the Historic Preservation Commission. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual Commission Members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not any such proposed item(s) is/are within the purview of the Commission and/or whether such proposed item(s) shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken regarding the proposal.

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER WHITE would like SCOTT JOHNSON, Moulin Rouge Holding Corporation, to be invited to attend this Commission's next meeting.

14. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jacquie Miller, Deputy City Clerk

Nicole Eddowes, Planner II

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