



Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONERS STOLDAL, LeVINE (excused until 12:08 p.m.), HOTCHKISS (via telephone conference until 1:23 p.m.), BECK, SERFAS, COSGROVE, LARIME, PALENCAR, COLLINS and SIEBRANDT (ex-officio member)

ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, SETH FLOYD, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 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: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward 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.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2020

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER BECK questioned the comment in the subject minutes about the video not capturing the vote, and SETH FLOYD, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk, explained that the votes are displayed on the monitor and on YouTube, as well as the audio; however, the meeting proceedings are not on video.

COMMISSIONER LARIME said Page 3 of the January 22, 2020, minutes refer to a historic research survey and it should be corrected to historic resource survey in the second to the last paragraph.

Motion made by Robert Stoldal to Approve as corrected

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

For-Claytee White, Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Sheila Collins; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt;

5. HPC-78146 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Discussion for possible action regarding increasing funding in an amount not to exceed \$6,003 for the current North Wind Resources Consulting contract to include conducting a complete survey of the entire grounds of the Las Vegas High School

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT showed a PowerPoint slide, a copy of which was submitted for the record. She reported that since North Wind's request for funding, she was made aware of the feasibility study, which she received a copy of, and was completed in September of 2017. It was funded through a grant from the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial for the Las Vegas High School Alumni Association (LHSAA), and the Nevada Preservation Foundation worked on a large part of the survey. She explained the content of the final packet: historical analysis, existing conditions of the site and buildings and determination of the historical significance, which was put together not only to just understand the historical value of the high school, but also to assist the Clark County School District with its overall master plan for the school.

She spoke with the Vice President of the alumni association who provided her with a copy of the study. He indicated to her that the study resulted in the ability to generate revenues in the amount of \$4 million for emergency repairs, which are currently underway for some of the water damage to the buildings, as well as \$50 million for infrastructure upgrades set to start in March or April 2020. The work will include new roofs, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance improvements for bathrooms, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) systems and other upgrades. When North Wind submitted their proposal, they were not aware of this and it is now up to the Commission to decide if the proposal is no longer needed or if they would like to build on it. CHAIR WHITE asked MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, if he knew what the original concern was, and MR. HOWE answered that there was concern with capturing and documenting a lot of the work that had already been done. He understood that increasing the scope was already covered in what was previously done in 2017. CHAIR WHITE then asked if they are also supposed to survey buildings and decide on whether they should be added to the National Register of Historic Places. MR. HOWE replied that the original contract included looking at all qualifying properties in order to update the National Register. He stated that if they focus on the work still there, they will be in good shape. The goal is to update properties that qualify for the National Register. CHAIR WHITE verified with MR. HOWE that North Wind is doing that part and writing the nominations.

COMMISSIONER BECK expressed her confusion as to what scope North Wind originally agreed to. She thought they were going to do a Historic Resource Survey of the entire campus, but then read that they were contracted to expand the nomination to include Frazier Hall. She was curious what was actually agreed to since she did not think it was limited. MR. HOWE said that some of this came out in a site visit to make sure they were not missing any opportunities. The survey work does include the entire campus, and there was some discussion about some properties not qualifying for the National Register, but they did not want to lose an opportunity to document those buildings. COMMISSIONER BECK asked if this was for non-contributing and potentially eligible buildings, and MR. HOWE explained that the brief survey captures the dates and what qualifies. There is also a more thorough survey that would go over the design elements of the buildings and mention preservation techniques. The Commission could use this information to save the campus and get things registered. He opined that so many things are going on and they are discovering work that has been done by other groups, and he thought they were doing too much with this one opportunity when the work has already been completed. COMMISSIONER BECK felt this was backwards because people normally conduct a Historic Resource Survey first, and those results would identify the non-contributing and contributing properties. From there, the National Register would be updated. She found the assessment and feasibility study to be impressive and noticed that it identified several more buildings that qualify for the National Register. She wondered why they would be nominating buildings before they had a complete Historic Resource Survey.

CHAIR WHITE asked if they need to redo the survey, and MR. HOWE said they do not, and added that this was for any buildings that qualify. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL recalled that in 2018, this Commission voted to approve funding to update the National Register nomination of Las Vegas High School. At that time, there were several key buildings that reached their 50-year mark that had been built in the 1940's. The Commission put out an RFP (request for proposal) and said they wanted someone to check the campus and find buildings that qualify, draft up nominations and bring them back to the Commission. He thought they need to go back to this same request, noting that he is not opposed to giving them more money. He suggested denying this item and allowing them to come back with a new proposal rather than holding this in abeyance.

COMMISSIONER BECK said the document is very thorough and wondered what else they would need to do other than write the nominations. She asked if North Wind was instructed to only look at Frazier Hall, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said it was her fault for the wording. She meant to say that this was for the entire campus, including Frazier Hall rather than exclusively Frazier Hall. COMMISSIONER BECK hoped that the nomination will show these buildings within the boundary of the entire school because it is important to understand the relationship between the buildings.

COMMISSIONER LARIME thought that part of the confusion came from COURTNEY MOONEY'S, North Wind Resources Consulting, presentation, where she made it seem as if Frazier Hall was the only building eligible, but the report speaks of other buildings being eligible. She suggested denying the funds and obtaining a better explanation as to why the other buildings did not qualify or if there is a reason as to why more work needs to be done to determine if they are eligible. CHAIR WHITE thought that more buildings are eligible, it just was not worded that way. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT thought MS. MOONEY was saying that some of the buildings were not eligible because they would have to be designated with separate criteria, but MS. MOONEY will be attending the March meeting so the Commissioners can ask questions.

SETH FLOYD, Deputy City Attorney, advised the Commission that if they do not want to deny this item, they could simply take no action.

COMMISSIONER BECK wanted it on the record that the architectural survey identified the gymnasium, Frazier Hall, the athletic field, the auditorium, the Public Administration building and the Vocational and Industrial Arts building as eligible. They identified Knapp Hall and the student activities area as non-contributing.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL referred to the backup material for this item listing nine specific categories that are not going to be approved. He said he has no problem denying this item to see if North Wind will come back with something else. He added that if they hold this in abeyance, they will have to act again. CHAIR WHITE said they were not going to take any action, and MR. FLOYD advised they could hold, table, deny or take no action on this matter. CHAIR WHITE asked if this would be back on the March agenda, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said the Las Vegas High School will be on the agenda but not for this specific item. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL restated that there is no reason not to say no because this will never come back.

COMMISSIONER LARIME said that if MS. MOONEY felt more work needs to be done in order to further the nomination process, she should provide a new proposal so that they can approve or deny everything at the next meeting. MR. FLOYD noted that if they do deny the item, it could be brought back in a different form, and it would be the same thing as taking no action at all.

COMMISSIONER BECK asked if they still had a chance to tour the campus, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she did speak with JOLENE and she said they could come any time they would like but she would need to know what they are looking for and discuss dates and attendance. COMMISSIONER BECK said she would like to walk through the entire campus. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL suggested that they skip the newer buildings so they can spend more time on the original buildings. CHAIR WHITE said COMMISSIONERS STOLDAL, LeVINE, BECK and SERFAS would like to attend. COMMISSIONER PALENCAR said she was fine with only viewing the photos in the report. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she would gather available dates and send additional details. COMMISSIONER BECK advised that she would be out of town until the end of the first week in March.

MR. HOWE wanted to recap the options that were discussed, which included North Wind continuing to pursue looking at buildings on the campus that are eligible for a nomination, or utilizing the Assessment and Feasibility report that was already completed, and MS. MOONEY may come back to request additional funds if she finds additional scope of work.

NOTE: No action taken.

6. **HPC-78319** - Discussion for possible action regarding electing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT reported that the responses she received from the Commissioners indicated a desire to keep the status quo. COMMISSIONER BECK thought that the By-laws require rotation, and SETH FLOYD, Deputy City Attorney, indicated it was not necessary, and he believed there were no term limitations for the Chair. However, COMMISSIONER STOLDAL clarified that the Chair could serve two terms. He then re-nominated CHAIR WHITE and COMMISSIONER LARIME re-nominated VICE CHAIR STOLDAL. After the nominations, COMMISSIONER LARIME made the motion to reappoint both CHAIR WHITE and VICE CHAIR STOLDAL.

After the vote, CHAIR WHITE expressed appreciation for being reappointed and commended the Commissioners for their participation.

Motion made by Michelle Larime to Approve Claytee White as Chair and Robert Stoldal as Vice Chair

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

For-Claytee White, Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Sheila Collins; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt;

7. **HPC-78321** - Report by Marco Velotta, Senior Management Analyst with the Department of Planning, regarding the City of Las Vegas 2050 Master Plan

Minutes:

CHAIR WHITE called forward MARCO VELOTTA, Senior Management Analyst, who gave a report on the 2050 Master Plan using a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record. The current 2020 Master Plan is at the end of its life-cycle, and there have been a lot of changes in the last two decades including complementary efforts such as the Downtown Master Plan. In the 2050 Plan, they are looking ahead as to what Las Vegas is going to be like, and the City Council is interested in what the City needs to be preparing for. They are projecting an additional 300,000 new residents within the next 30 years just within Las Vegas itself and that means new infrastructure, provision of services and other things that will help the City achieve the goals within the plan.

They are using this plan to define a clear vision and framework, provide strong direction for future development and provide recommendations that are implementation focused. Over the last year, they have been working to get feedback from across the city and find out what the City should focus on while still abiding by NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) requirements. So far, they have reached over 5,100 people and continue to take input from commissions such as this one. They have received good feedback, and the top challenges include: education, crime/safety, homelessness, open space preservation and water availability/drought. A vision for change was presented to the City Council and the Planning Commission, and they want Las Vegas to be a bold and innovative city of the future that espouses all of these strategic priorities that will make Las Vegas a great place to live for future generations. To serve as guidance, they have a foundation of strategies to help measure success.

Outside of historic preservation, there are some immediate recommendations. They are planning for a hotter, dryer future as made clear by the Southern Nevada Water Authority. The higher temperatures and impacts to the Colorado Rockies will reduce the amount of flow into Lake Mead and the Colorado River system. They do know that density has an impact on water use and about 60 percent of the local housing stock is single-family residential housing currently. They suggest building more mid-rise, multi-family housing, which is significantly more water efficient. There will be things that influence how they develop in the future, such as population growth, job growth, millennial influence, density increase, mobility shift and affordability. There may also be initiatives from other agencies such as the RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) to shift people's mobility choices.

Their focus will be on specific corridors and specific nodes along those corridors. They do not anticipate a lot of change to neighborhoods themselves, and they are recommending preservation of neighborhoods in many areas. They will consult with this Commission in the future on how they can do targeted neighborhood planning and preservation.

Their consulting team has developed a number of different place types to create the foundation for a new general plan map. The new place types include Regional Centers, which are developments similar to Centennial Hills and Summerlin Center; mixed-use hubs that are transient-oriented developments that will be located along major corridors; corridor and mixed-use that link regional centers together with other mixed-use hubs; neighborhood centers that are smaller but have more concentrated areas within neighborhoods; mixed residential, which will introduce more middle housing types; and strengthening older neighborhoods, which may include conversions of structures and adding additional housing units to make it more affordable. The city is landlocked but will have new subdivisions built over the next 30 years. The City is also required by NRS to have rural preservation where it makes sense to do so.

MR. VELOTTA went over the existing land use plan, which has changed over time. There has been dramatic change over the last 20 years, but they are now running up into the Foothills and there is not a lot of vacant land left available.

In looking at the place types together, one can see a concentration on infill and redevelopment. Coupled with RTC's high capacity transit plan On Board, the City is looking to transform certain corridors and emphasize those specific nodes while preserving specific neighborhoods.

The City has identified 16 unique planning areas for implementation strategies, where staff can take a look at some of the place types and what they can specifically do to get more housing in or preserve them. They can also get into a level of specific metrics based on implementation actions that the entire city uses. This can include Community Services, Public Works or other regional agencies that look at the metrics to measure if the City is meeting specific targets. Staff is currently developing the specifics on the metrics and the tool strategies in order to obtain the desired outcomes.

The City wants to continue to reinforce historic preservation but also get into some of the areas where they do not have historic preservation right now. In working with Planning staff and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT, they can help implement some of these key actions. They want to incentivize the adaptive reuse of structures and provide incentives to encourage the rehabilitation of historic buildings and reinvestment in older and historic neighborhoods and commercial areas. In addition, they would like to see more designated historic districts and neighborhoods.

MR. VELOTTA concluded with informing the Commissioners that this will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council over the summer and welcomed their feedback.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL asked if he could obtain a copy of the PowerPoint, and MR. VELOTTA said it would be available at www.masterplan.vegas.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL inquired about the average square footage on the multi-level housing, and MR. VELOTTA said it depends on the planning area and can be from a couple hundred square feet to a couple thousand square feet. It is a function of affordability and market rate, so they might have new zoning associated with these. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL asked if the City actively encourages the growth of the city and tries to attract residents. MR. VELOTTA said that is handled through the LVCVA (Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority) and according to Applied Analysis, people are coming to Las Vegas anyway, so there is no need to necessarily market. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL wondered if the City would not necessarily push people away but not encourage people to move here either. MR. HOWE said that the City's goal is to let people know that Las Vegas is a great place to live and is pro-growth. This Master Plan is to help clarify what growth really means, and requires investigations on how do things cost appropriately. Some of the challenges put an undue burden on the residents. They want to take as many residents that the Valley can support while trying to put people in the right areas. It is always a competition with Henderson and Clark County, but they want to provide the best quality of life to Las Vegas residents. One of the great models of middle-housing is looking back to the mid-1920s where garden apartments and bungalows existed. The City wants to adopt good design practices from the past and fill in the housing gaps while encouraging smart growth.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL asked who has the authority at the RTC and if they can override the City. MR. VELOTTA answered that the relationship with every regional agency has been a back and forth. As far as developing corridors and finding locations for transit-oriented development, it is very deliberate and the City is following the RTC's planning efforts. Regardless of what the mode of transit is, the City will prepare for higher densities in a way that is sensitive to the neighborhoods around them and consider other supporting factors. They are working on a separate planning effort on Maryland Parkway with Clark County that looks specifically at transit-oriented development from the Medical District to McCarran Airport. The City will use intensive studies that get down to the parcel level to look at key intersections and figure out what is going to enable transit-oriented development.

COMMISSIONER BECK said when she came to Las Vegas, she was looking for duplexes and was startled that she could not find any, so she was happy to hear about the middle-housing efforts. She wondered about the comment MR. HOWE made about people who are living rural lifestyles will have to bear a burden, and MR. HOWE explained that if someone has acreage and they are feeling pressure from home builders to subdivide it, the owner may find that the land value is going to increase beyond what they would sell it for. This also happens with farm areas, unless there are rural protection laws, so the owner will have a higher pressure increase on the value of the land. COMMISSIONER BECK asked if the burden would be that people will want to buy the property, and MR. HOWE replied that over time, the cost of trying to keep property may become challenging if they want to maintain the acreage.

COMMISSIONER COSGROVE used herself as an example as she lives in East Las Vegas and has a neighbor with chickens, and said the burden she sees is that if developers start coming in and subdividing the properties, then the people who buy those properties will not want to be near chickens and deal with the other issues that come with living in a rural area. COMMISSIONER BECK said there is a vacant parcel next to her, and she believed it was not selling because the surrounding neighbors have burros, and people do not want to deal with that issue. She also noted that some of these rural properties are close to encumbering a historic value. She asked how this works with the Tule Springs National Monument, and MR. VELOTTA said there is a portion of the monument within the city's boundaries, and it is under jurisdiction of the National Park Service. If there is an opportunity to make a connection to the monument itself and possibly create an access point for visitation, the City will look at how to prepare for getting people to that monument while not disturbing the areas that should be left alone.

COMMISSIONER LeVINE referenced a slide from the PowerPoint that mentioned the city needing 9,500 more acres of recreational space, and MR. VELOTTA confirmed that the monument is about 3,000 acres of it. COMMISSIONER LeVINE asked if there are any expansion plans, and MR. VELOTTA said they do not contemplate any additional growth than what the city has today. It would not have a dramatic effect on the Master Plan; only the number of people served would be affected.

COMMISSIONER BECK inquired about spots where people can view the city at night and wondered if there were any plans to provide such an area. MR. VELOTTA replied that aesthetic views are a consideration, but there is only broad language in terms of preservation. They may be able to use different strategies to ensure that those spots are not disturbed. COMMISSIONER BECK suggested that parks could be used to accomplish this and expressed her fear that one day people will not be able to see the city.

COMMISSIONER PALENCAR said the Planning Department is very important to the city, but she wanted to make sure that they are performing environmental density studies prior to building any homes because many cities have created a lot of crime by constructing stacked homes. The Planning Department needs to address other issues and conduct studies before constructing any high-density subdivisions. In the 1970s, when she was going to college, people were already talking about how density effects a person's mental state. MR. VELOTTA said they have already broken the city up into areas such as Downtown Las Vegas and Summerlin. He clarified that they are not looking at making any dramatic changes in density, but instead are talking about low-impact that will be transit supportive and will be well-served by police and fire while still being water efficient. COMMISSIONER PALENCAR said one million people are coming in by 2050, which is going to create a lot of density and studies should be done. She asked if anyone has taken a look at what the new construction is doing to downtown. She believes in progress, but it needs to be done carefully.

COMMISSIONER COLLINS asked about the backup plan for the water resources, because more growth is going to mean less water. MR. VELOTTA answered they have a very reflective outline of what the Southern Nevada Water Authority is currently doing because they know it is working. It involves increased conservation and getting water usage from 115 gallons per person per day to 90 gallons per person per day. It was 300 gallons 20 years ago, so it can be done. If the water supply continues to decrease and they are subject to additional restrictions, the City can exercise strategies as a region, such as tapping into water banks and developing other resources. The important takeaway is that the city can accommodate 300,000 residents even in the worsening drought conditions, according to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

COMMISSIONER LARIME referenced the Preservation Element document, and wondered if it was separate from the 2050 Master Plan, or if that would become part of a new plan. MR. VELOTTA said that this new plan will replace the 2020 Master Plan and those elements, but they are not going to lose the material that is required by NRS. In working with the consulting team, it has been cut back significantly, so it is more comprehensive with more information, and he felt it will fulfill the historic preservation goals. COMMISSIONER LARIME suggested adding sections about cultural preservation, such as pathways and bus communities. She felt the Planning Department should try to better align this Commission's work with the City's priorities, and she would like to have future conversations about that and look at how older neighborhoods can contribute to community preservation. Lastly, she noted that education is a big part of preservation, and she suggested adding some metrics around programming and increasing partnerships overall. Many people do not realize that their missions overlap; therefore, they should be working together.

COMMISSIONER SERFAS wondered if they are considering a density mix in the planning documents, and he referenced a decision that the City Council made to waive 35 percent of landscaping requirements. The historic

neighborhoods do have vegetation, and it should be a consideration. MR. VELOTTA affirmed that it is being considered.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL noticed in the presentation that MR. VELOTTA separated the terms prolonged drought and climate change, and wondered about the distinction. MR. VELOTTA said the prolonged drought is an identified hazard as the result of climate change.

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said that MR. VELOTTA was present as a part of their guest speaker initiative. The Commissioners thanked MR. VELOTTA for his report.

8. **HPC-78307** - Discussion for possible action regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Hay Barn located at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs, 9200 Tule Springs Road - Ward 6 (Fiore)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT gave a brief overview on the history of this item, and said this was her first time reviewing a Certificate of Appropriateness. She introduced MIKE BROWN, Architectural Designer, who said he has been assigned as the Project Manager to help renovate the barn. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT commented that there was a late addendum for a prefabricated gazebo that was added to their packet. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL asked about SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) visiting the site, and MR. BROWN said they did come, provided feedback and did not see any major issues. He felt it was a good meeting, and MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, added that the draft information was given to SHPO to get their comments.

COMMISSIONER LARIME referenced the updated rendering, and wondered if the cross-facing supports in the four corners were added for structural reasons. MR. BROWN said they were, and mentioned this was a utility storage hay barn that needs to be made structurally sound in order to convert it into an events center. The permit was approved by the Building and Safety Department, and that should be the only new upgrade that was visible. There were other small items during the structural upgrade, but there was nothing too extreme. MR. HOWE added that the bracing was recommended by the engineer, and it was the least aesthetically intrusive option.

COMMISSIONER BECK said there was a condition that mentioned encountering archeological resources, and MR. BROWN clarified they would do some excavation at the ends of the building to strengthen the foundation. COMMISSIONER BECK thought that should be broadened to include paleontological remains as well. She also referenced Page 94, where it seemed larger areas had been paved and wondered if they had always been paved. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said it was not pavement, and MR. BROWN added it was more of a gravel mix to accommodate Celtic events that often take place. COMMISSIONER BECK said she was happy with the outcome and impressed with how features have been kept intact.

COMMISSIONER COSGROVE mentioned that peacocks like to hang around that area, and MR. BROWN said they will be installing netting and are proposing a new fence to SHPO that should keep the peacocks out.

Motion made by Robert Stoldal to Approve

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Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 1

For-Claytee White, Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Sheila Collins; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Donald Hotchkiss;

9. **HPC-78323** - Discussion for possible action regarding participating in the Las Vegas Days (formerly Helldorado) Parade taking place on May 9, 2020

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT stated that in previous years, members of this Commission have participated in the parade, and she was contacted by the Office of Cultural Affairs to see if they would like to participate this year. This Commission has a banner that they could carry while riding in antique cars. If they would like to participate, she will need to complete an application and gather some additional information. There will be a judge and there are four themes: Reflect Our Western Heritage, The Birthday of the City, Las Vegas Then and Now and Previous Traditions of Helldorado Days. When each entry goes past the judging booth, they will need a short description of what the group does. The deadline to apply is April 17th, but she would prefer to get the

application in as soon as possible. By a show of hands, seven people wanted to participate. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL said dressing up was left up to individuals. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT suggested dressing according to the car era. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL said they would prefer to ride near the front of the parade. COMMISSIONER LeVINE wondered if there would be any reference to Helldorado, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT confirmed there would not be. SETH FLOYD, Deputy City Attorney, said when the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial started funding a rodeo, the Plaza Hotel tried to work with the Elks Club, who would not license the name to the Plaza. Consequently, the Plaza decided to come up with new name. There might be references to Helldorado because the City is still allowed to use the name.

COMMISSIONER LARIME thought it would be fun to give something out as part of the parade such as flyers with information. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said walkers can hand out things but not riders, and COMMISSIONER LARIME suggested passing out candy with something that has a description of what this Commission does, and she volunteered to walk.

Motion made by Robert Stoldal to Approve with direction to staff to secure a car and register the group with Cultural Affairs

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

For-Claytee White, Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Sheila Collins; Against-Mia Palencar; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Donald Hotchkiss;

10. **HPC-78324** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding Director's updates

Minutes:

MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, reported that they have received interest from CRAIG PALACIOS, BUNNYFISH Studio, for the vacant seat on the Historic Preservation Commission. He also disclosed that MR. PALACIOS is a friend of his. CHAIR WHITE and the Commissioners agreed that MR. PALACIOS is a wonderful man and they would love to have him. CHAIR WHITE asked when this would go in front of the City Council, and MR. HOWE said it might be at the March 18th meeting. MR. HOWE said he received an updated form from SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) on the CLG (Certified Local Government) requirements, which now state that the Historic Preservation Officer and one member of the Commission must attend one annual training yearly.

MR. HOWE reminded the Commission that May is Historic Preservation month, and they need to start thinking about the historic preservation awards and how they want to do it. He hoped to be timelier this year so they can discuss nominations in April and have them confirmed at the May meeting.

COMMISSIONER BECK asked about the money from the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said it would be addressed in the next item.

11. **HPC-78325** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding Project Update list

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT reported that she updated the format of how project updates are tracked to make it easier to read. She went over the columns and section headers that she added to the Project Update List and offered to answer any questions.

She continued with her report and said the Motor Court Survey project and the Las Vegas High School nomination forms are both in progress, and COURTNEY MOONEY, North Wind Resources Consulting, will be present at the March meeting to provide updates. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) has extended the submission deadline for grants and they will hear back in April. In regards to the conference, she mentioned that COMMISSIONER BECK withdrew her interest to attend, so there is an open spot if someone else would like to attend. The Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial approved the funding request for \$75,000 and signatures will be obtained this week. Guest speaker spots are filled for the April and May meetings, but they are high-level individuals and may cancel.

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT thanked the Commissioners who participated in the website review workshop. She is working with the IT Department to make the changes and hopes to see them reflected by the end of April. The Bricks and Mortar grant needs more review because there is a lot of confusion on the language, and she was not sure if the language was still valid.

COMMISSIONER BECK asked when the next meeting of the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial would be held, because she learned a lot from attending a meeting, and COMMISSIONER SIEBDRANDT said the next meeting was scheduled for March 23rd at 2:00 p.m., and anybody can attend.

COMMISSIONER STOLDAL asked if there was an update on the Victory Hotel, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said it was still slated for demolition because the owners have not responded to Code Enforcement.

12. **HPC-78328** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding historic and archaeological resources in local media

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said this had nothing to do with Las Vegas history, but on George Washington's birthday, she was a guest speaker for the Sons of the American Revolution on her time in Iraq, and they would like for her to come back next year and talk about Las Vegas historic preservation initiatives.

13. **HPC-78329 - 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 SIEBRANDT asked COMMISSIONER COSROVE to clarify her request to have an item regarding records management, and COMMISSIONER COSGROVE said she wanted to know if they have a records management policy, the format and where the records go. For example, she asked if students would be able to find records online if they were to do a school project on the history of this Commission, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she would research that for a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she has been working with the Building and Safety Department on replacing the floors in the Historic Westside School, for which a bid request will be issued, and she informed the Commissioners there will be an item on a future agenda regarding this. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL said they spent thousands of dollars to preserve those, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT explained that she took a look at them, and saw that they are not in good condition, but she will present a report on available options.

CHAIR WHITE remembered a proposal for shading structures that went away and never came back, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she would research the proposals and bring back more information.

Regarding the Historic Preservation Month awards, COMMISSIONER LARIME felt they should start their discussions earlier in order to obtain backup to review. She would also like to talk about the Huntridge Theater and the potential to nominate as a Commission. COMMISSIONER STOLDAL clarified that it would be nominated to be put on the Historic Register.

COMMISSIONER PALENCAR asked if the Alpine Motel could be saved, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said that motel is not on any register.

14. **Citizens Participation:** Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No subject may be acted upon by the Commission unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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:

CHAIR WHITE asked COMMISSIONER PALENCAR if she had more comments, and she said COMMISSIONER LeVINE was able to answer her question about the Alpine Motel.

See Item 13 for related discussion.

15. Adjournment

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Diane Siebrandt, Historic Preservation Officer

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