



Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR STOLDAL called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR STOLDAL (seated as Chair after Item 5) and COMMISSIONERS LeVINE, (via teleconference), BECK, HOTHKISS (via teleconference), SERFAS, COSGROVE, LARIME (seated as Vice Chair after Item 5), PALENCAR, PALACIOS, LONG and SIEBRANDT (ex-officio member)

EXCUSED: SARAH J. HULME as the Nevada State Museum Designee (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 properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website notice.nv.gov.

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 February 24, 2021

Minutes:

VICE CHAIR STOLDAL called for a motion.

Motion made by Michelle Larime to Approve

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

For-Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Craig Palacios, Rhonda Long; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Nevada State Museum Designee;

5. 21-0095-HPC1- Discussion for possible action regarding election of Historic Preservation Commission Officer(s)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT explained that with the resignation of former CHAIR WHITE, it was necessary to elect a new Chair and possibly a new Vice Chair.

VICE CHAIR STOLDAL requested nominations for Chair, and COMMISSIONER BECK nominated VICE CHAIR STOLDAL as Chair in the form of a motion.

Subsequent to the vote on the Chair, VICE CHAIR STOLDAL nominated COMMISSIONER LARIME as Vice Chair in the form of a motion.

Motion made by Colleen M. Beck to Approve her nomination of Bob Stoldal as Chair

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

For-Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Craig Palacios, Rhonda Long; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Nevada State Museum Designee;

Motion made by Robert Stoldal to Approve his nomination of Michelle Larime as Vice Chair

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

For-Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Craig Palacios, Rhonda Long; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Nevada State Museum Designee;

6. **21-0096-HPC1** - Discussion for possible action regarding approval of funding in the amount of \$514 for the production of a bronze plaque for the historically listed Helen Toland Residence, located at 1134 Comstock Drive - Ward 5 (Crear)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT reviewed the sample language on the plaque depicted on the PowerPoint slide, a copy of which was submitted for the record, for the Helen Toland Residence. She added that placing plaques on historically listed properties will serve as a good incentive for people to list their historic property.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if the date the property was added to the register of historic properties could be added to the language on the plaque. COMMISSIONER BECK said that if the date could not be included, they should at least add the year the property was designated. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said the date could be accommodated on the plaque, and she said she would have to check on the actual date, noting that the change might require a price increase for the plaque, in which case she would have to come back to the Commission for approval.

CHAIR STOLDAL discussed with COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT that the plaque will be placed on the exterior of the house for visibility.

After COMMISSIONER COSGROVE made a motion for approval as submitted, COMMISSIONER LARIME asked if she would amend her motion to include the date on the plaque. Given that adding the date might require a quote and a price increase, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SETH FLOYD suggested directing staff to look into it first. CHAIR STOLDAL said a price increase would not be a problem. COMMISSIONER COSGROVE amended her motion.

Motion made by Sondra Cosgrove to Approve as amended to include on the plaque the date of designation of the property on the register

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

For-Robert Stoldal, Jack LeVine, Colleen M. Beck, Donald Hotchkiss, Richard Serfas, Sondra Cosgrove, Michelle Larime, Mia Palencar, Craig Palacios, Rhonda Long; Did Not Vote-Diane Siebrandt; Excused-Nevada State Museum Designee;

7. **21-0117-HPC1** - Discussion for possible action regarding completing and submitting nominations for Historic Preservation Month that will be recognized in May 2021

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT was hopeful the 2021 Historic Preservation Month Awards could be done in person. She reviewed the PowerPoint slide, a copy of which was submitted for the record, depicting the award categories of Bricks and Mortar, Preservation Education, Advocacy and Career Achievement. She asked that the nomination form, which was also depicted on the slide, would need to be filled out and submitted to her by April 6, 2021 to meet the agenda deadline process. The nominations will be voted on at the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting of April 28, 2021. She will contact the recipients to inform them about the award presentations at the HPC's meeting of May 26, 2021.

CHAIR STOLDAL encouraged the Commissioners to submit their nominations and to follow the process. He requested a list of past winners, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT indicated she would forward the list. The Chair asked if outside nominations could be accepted, such as from the Mayor's Office or the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial (Centennial Commission). DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SETH FLOYD said the HPC could consider suggestions made to the Commissioners, including to COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT, because they would be recommendations and not solicitations. CHAIR STOLDAL explained that he asked out of consideration of the Centennial Commission, who may have some ideas since they deal with historic preservation. He discussed with MR. FLOYD the easiest way to notify and receive input from the Centennial Commission, the Arts Commission or the Mayor's Office, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she would be happy to accept recommendations as long as it is permissible. CHAIR STOLDAL remarked that it would be easier to take input from the Centennial Commission.

8. **21-0097-HPC1** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding projects at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs, located at 9200 Tule Springs Road - Ward 6(Fiore)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, to report on administratively approved projects at Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs that are non-contributing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Skeet Range - The lead, soil and contamination from aromatic hydrocarbons (or clay pigeons used for skeet shooting) have contaminated the soil. The Public Works Department will be incrementally removing all the contamination. They will dig up the skeet traps, rifle stands and shooting paths and properly remove them according to hazardous materials guidelines. They will then fill in the areas with clean dirt and asphalt to trap the contaminants, but the range will still not be open to the public. She stated that the entire dark area shown (slide 3) includes the clay pigeon and asphalt paths and are quite contaminated. Staff hopes to have the cleanup finished in April.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if there is a plan for use of the property after decontamination, if a new skeet range is available and if consideration should be given to erecting a recognition plaque on the former range. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT replied that the range might be used as extended parking. The skeet range was relocated in the 1990's. The range is considered a non-contributing resource on the NRHP. The Chair confirmed with COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT that the property will be preserved in photos, and she added that she took the photos on the slides.

Water Well - The well is not listed as a contributing resource on the NRHP. The collapsed water well will be replaced with a new stainless steel underground well, and the Public Works Department, who is handling the project, will have to dig a 20-foot trench. She referred to the location of the well on Slide 6. Due to the covenants on Floyd Lamb Park, she had to work with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to make them aware of the project and obtain approval. The one-week project should start in April.

Bike Track - The Track is not a contributing resource on the NRHP. The project, which will be handled by the Public Works Department, includes eventual installation of shade shelters and restrooms. SHPO approved the project. She added that the tracks created in the area by riders will be marked. Public Works staff will erect signs to mark the tracks and with rules and regulations. COMMISSIONER BECK asked if the project is to make improvements in the area, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT advised her and COMMISSIONER LARIME that it is part of the 2007 Floyd Lamb Park Master Plan to encourage people to use the park more.

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if Tule Springs is larger than Floyd Lamb Park or if they are the same, and he wondered if the City of Las Vegas owns the larger part of Tule Springs and if Tule Springs is on the NRHP or only Floyd Lamb Park. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT replied that Floyd Lamb Park is on the NRHP, but Tule Springs has the fossil beds.

COMMISSIONER PALACIOS asked if any of the items formerly used for the range are worth saving, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT did not believe so, but she said the hazardous materials issue would override that. She indicated to COMMISSIONER PALACIOS that the engineers ultimately made the decision, which satisfied COMMISSIONER PALACIOS.

9. **21-0098-HPC1** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding Director's updates

Minutes:

MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, reported that staff is working with the City Councilmembers on a nomination to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former CHAIR WHITE. Additionally, the new Planning Director will be ratified at the City Council meeting of April 7, 2021.

10. **21-0099-HPC1** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding Project Update List

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and reported on various projects.

The nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for Frazier Hall at the Las Vegas High School was sent to the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C.

The District Listing to the NRHP for the Las Vegas High School is in progress and the consultant should be giving a report in April.

The Survey Catalog, which is a project being done through a grant issued to the Nevada Preservation Foundation, is still in progress and on schedule.

The 2050 Master Plan will be heard at the Planning Commission meeting of April 13, 2021. The Historic Preservation Commission members should have received information about the three public meetings scheduled and how to participate in person or online. CHAIR STOLDAL encouraged the Commissioners to read the entire document as it is a useful tool, especially the part that deals with historic preservation as a very positive option in the neighborhoods. He regards the Plan as a solid document that is worth reviewing.

Information gathering is in progress for the Strategic Outreach plan, and COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT will report back when she is actually ready to start doing outreach.

Regarding Frazier Hall, CHAIR STOLDAL said it was surprising to receive notification that the nomination for Frazier Hall was sent to Washington, D.C., given that there was discussion between the State Historic Preservation Office and the Keeper about whether it should be submitted as part of a district or independently. The Keeper responded with a request that the Frazier Hall nomination be forwarded, similar to what the Historic Preservation Commission wanted. However, it was sent forward as a district.

11. **21-0100-HPC1** - Report by the Department of Planning regarding historic and archaeological resources in local media

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she provided links to some good articles, and she noted that the Greyhound Bus Terminal was relocated from the Plaza property to the airport. She said there was a lot of information from February included regarding Black History that was worth reading. CHAIR STOLDAL said that it was a very big deal when the Greyhound Bus Terminal opened locally.

12. **21-0101-HPC1 - 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:

CHAIR STOLDAL asked if there were any items the Commissioners would like to propose for future discussion.

COMMISSIONER PALENCAR suggested the Commissioners take on monitoring and visiting existing historic sites in the city in an effort to prevent tragedies from occurring that could cause their loss. She emphasized that taking a pro-active approach could save many properties. She wondered if a group should be created to take on the task of monitoring properties. She pointed out that the Huntridge Theater is still closed and attracting homeless individuals and debris and wondered why there is no activity yet at the site. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SETH FLOYD could not respond on the status of the property. Regarding any issues with dilapidated properties, MR. FLOYD recommended reporting those to the Code Enforcement Division instead of creating an official body.

Regarding historic properties at risk of being lost that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) feels should be on the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register, MR. FLOYD indicated there was discussion among the Commissioners at a previous meeting on how to identify such properties and about encouraging owners of historic properties to work with the City on having those properties listed. He noted that COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT is actively working on a strategy to reach out. CHAIR STOLDAL recalled that the HPC once discussed providing a list of most endangered sites, similar to the list issued by the National Trust for Historic Places. MR. FLOYD said an item could be placed on a future agenda to discuss that idea, although he thought the best time for such discussion would be after the Survey Catalog is completed. The Chair confirmed with COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT that the Catalog should be done by August 1, 2021. CHAIR STOLDAL said the HPC could request a list of endangered properties in August as part of its educational outreach.

COMMISSIONER LARIME asked for an update on improving and expanding the website for historic preservation as previously discussed. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT indicated that it had not been completed due to lack of resources and assured COMMISSIONER LARIME that she is doing her best to keep it updated. Moreover, COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT stated that there were updates on recommended grant language, and she would be happy to receive more suggestions. MICHAEL HOWE, Planning Section Manager, proposed adding an item to provide an update on some of the changes already made. CHAIR STOLDAL commented that extensive suggestions were provided via the working group that was created. However, once the Survey Catalog is completed, the information will be digitized and available. With regard to addressing the problem of COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT being overloaded with tasks by this Commission and the Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial, he suggested considering hiring a consultant to come up with a plan for the website, which is very important to all the Commissioners. The Chair asked MR. HOWE if hiring a consultant could be funded by the Commission, and MR. HOWE replied that he had no idea of the potential cost, but some funding could be used for graphics and a layout for the website. To stay on track, MR. FLOYD said it would be helpful to discuss what has been updated on the website, and then they could discuss whether they need to go beyond those updates. CHAIR STOLDAL confirmed with MR. HOWE that an update item could be placed on the next HPC meeting agenda.

COMMISSIONER PALACIOS asked for a report by the Nevada Preservation Foundation (NPF) on their future goals given their changes, and CHAIR STOLDAL said it would be a good idea. Additionally, COMMISSIONER LARIME requested the NPF also provide a report on their Historic Westside Residential Survey if it is ready. COMMISSIONER SIEBRANDT said she would look into it.

13. **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:
None.

14. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

Diane Siebrandt, Historic Preservation Officer

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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and
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