



**MINUTES**  
**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Friday, November 9, 2007 - 8:00 AM**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**201 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, AZ**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ATTENDANCE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Doug Stroh, Chairman  
Frank DeGrazia, Vice-Chairman  
Russ Buchanan  
Don Rantz  
Elisabeth Ruffner  
Mike Todd  
Marv Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT**

George Worley, Assistant Community Development Director  
Nancy Burgess, Historic Preservation Specialist  
Mike Bacon, Community Planner  
Kathy Dudek, Commission Recording Secretary

**III. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **HP07-038, 105 S. Cortez Street.** Courthouse Plaza Historic Preservation District #1. APN: 109-01-021A. Request approval of demolition permit for west entrance and portion of interior. Owner is Goldstone Development, LLC. Applicant/agent is Frank DeGrazia, Otwell Associates Architects. Historic Preservation Specialist, Nancy Burgess.

*Mr. DeGrazia recused himself and left the dais.*

Ms. Burgess reviewed the staff report and indicated:

- this is a request to begin investigation work on the Knights of Pythias building which was built between 1892 and 1894;
- the building survived the 1900 fire and the building front was stuccoed to look like stone due to damage from the fire;
- the applicant is requesting a demolition permit to investigate the building for new owners who will then decide what restoration work is to be undertaken;
- there will be two phases, with this request being Phase I;
- the awning transom will be removed;
- there was an awning that went to the street which burned in the fire and was never replaced; and,
- many photographs exist of the building before and since the fire.

Chairman Stroh asked if there were any questions or members of the public that

wished to speak. There were no questions, and no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Wright, **MOTION: to approve HP07-038**, 105 S. Cortez, demolition permit for the west entrance and a portion of the interior, as submitted. Ms. Ruffner, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote: 6-0-1** (recused: DeGrazia).

2. **HP07-039, 150 E. Sheldon Street, Suite 110.** Santa Fe Depot Historic Preservation District #8. APN: 113-18-006. Request approval of signage for a yogurt shop. Owner is Depot Marketplace Owners, LLC. Applicants/agents are Marlene Freedman and Susan Levin. Community Planner, Mike Bacon.

*Mr. Stroh recused himself and left the dais.*

Mr. Bacon reviewed the staff report and indicated:

- the request is for signage for a new business at the Santa Fe Depot Marketplace;
- the signage is consistent with both the Land Development Code and the Historic Preservation District;
- staff is recommending approval of the sign.

Mr. DeGrazia asked if there were any questions or members of the public that wished to speak. There were no questions, and no one came forward to speak.

Mr. Rantz, **MOTION: to approve HP07-039**, signage for yogurt store located at 150 E. Sheldon, Suite 110, as submitted. Mr. Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote: 6-0-1** (recused: Stroh).

3. **Discussion and recommendation** regarding priority for next National Register Historic District.

Ms. Burgess reviewed the background and process of applying for a National Register District. She noted:

- in 1988 the City hired consultants to start work on historic preservation districts;
- last year, the Commission voted to move forward with the Flinn Sanitarium;
- of the two property owners, one is in favor and one opposes the historic district;
- 51% of the property owners must support the proposal;
- the State of Arizona does not have criteria on how the 51% is calculated;
- the Flinn Sanitarium will be placed on the back burner until a revised state plan on how the calculation of 51% is determined;
- a preference would be to fill in a district between the Courthouse Plaza and the West Prescott Historic District; and,
- this is a staff project and will take at least until the end of 2008 to complete.

Commissioners queried and discussed:

- the island in the center of the map between Gurley and Goodwin [Ms. Burgess: there isn't anything in that area that is eligible];
- the Park Avenue area [Ms. Burgess: it needs 51% contributors];
- the Apache Lodge [Ms. Burgess: its owner doesn't want the property in the

- National Register];
- Mile High Middle School [Ms. Burgess: the school district, in the past, was opposed]; and,
- why people are opposed to being placed on the National Register.

Ms. Ruffner suggests that the City recommend the high school property as a Centennial Project.

Mr. Adam Rowling, 112 S. Pleasant Street, answering why persons possible do not want to be in the National Register is the first requirement of getting into the National Register. He indicated that he never wanted to be in it and does not have a historic building; consequently, he has to follow the guidelines.

Ms. Ruffner stated that a local historic preservation district is initiated by the local property owners.

Mr. Wright indicated that 50% or 80% to 90% doesn't get you into an overlay district. To become a district, nearly full participation is necessary.

Mr. Rantz, **MOTION: to investigate** National Register District process for the portions of the neighborhood west of the Courthouse Plaza District and east of West Prescott (south of Gurley Street). Mr. Stroh, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote: 7-0.**

**4. Consider approval** of the minutes of the 10-12-07 meeting.

Mr. Rantz, **MOTION: to approve the minutes** of the October 12, 2007 meeting. Mr. Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote: 7-0.**

#### **IV. SUMMARY OF CURRENT OR RECENT EVENTS**

Ms. Burgess noted that the Elks 2<sup>nd</sup> Lobby restoration project is almost finished. The decorative painter will start the week of November 12; consequently, the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of that week. The project is on budget and is on time.

Mr. Wright noted it appears that a few downtown Plaza buildings are being spruced up, and the owners should be commended for their clean-up and refurbishment.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Stroh adjourned the meeting at 8:38 AM.

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Doug Stroh, Chairman