



**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 17, 2017
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE OF THE PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING held on NOVEMBER 17, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. in COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at 201 S. Cortez Street, Prescott, Arizona.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Edelbrock called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and thanked Councilman Sischka for attending.

II. ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Gary Edelbrock – Chair	Cat Moody, Preservation Specialist
Mike King – Vice Chair	George Worley, Planning Manager
Russ Buchanan	Darla Eastman, Recording Secretary
Robert Burford	
Christy Hastings	COUNCIL PRESENT
Tony Teeters	Councilman Sischka
Michael Mirco	

III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting.

Mr. King, MOTION to approve the October 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Ms. Hastings, 2nd. VOTE 7-0; passed.

2. HP17-015 117 E Gurley St. Historic Preservation District #2, Elks Theatre. APN's: 109-01-011B and 109-01-011D. Request approval for new handrail at theatre entry steps.

Cat Moody presented the staff report and displayed a site map on the overhead projector. Ms. Moody stated that the exterior and front portions of this building have been recently renovated. She said that the theatre steps at the main entrance by the ticket booth do not currently have a handrail and the request is to replace wrought iron railing with historically compatible material and design. She said that the applicant proposes to install three 1 ¼” pipe handrails painted to match adjacent railing in the elevator lobby entry. The top of the rail will be at 32” and railings will be located at either side of the steps and one centrally placed in the middle of the step run.

The Commissioners discussed the project is more detail and felt that the railing is a much needed addition for safety purposes and to be more “cane friendly.”

Dave Zexal, Haley Construction, 2410 N Yuma Drive, Chino Valley, answered the Commission’s question does the rail in the middle of the entrance need to be there. Mr. Zexal answered by stating that it is in Commercial Building Code to have the rail in the middle. The Commission also discussed timelines and asked if Mr. Zexal could have the railing up by the next big event. Mr. Zexal said that he would try.

Mr. Teeters, MOTION to approve HP17-015 117 E Gurley St., Elks Theatre. Request approval for new handrail at theatre entry steps. Mr. King, 2nd. VOTE 7-0; passed.

1. HP17-016 202 S Pleasant St. Historic Preservation District #13, Southeast Prescott. APN: 109-01-107. Request approval for new fabric patio cover over existing north patio.

Cat Moody presented the staff report and displayed a site map on the overhead projector. Ms. Moody stated that the request is to affix a custom fabricated fixed steel frame patio awning over the porch. The awning fabric will be a blue Sunbrella fabric. Ms. Moody provided a sample for the Commission to assess. She continued by stating the north side of the porch had been renovated and an old shed was removed. Ms. Moody stated that there is place for storage below the porch.

Wolfgang Dietrich, A Shade Beyond, 474 EZ Street, answered the Commissioner's questions about how the awning will be attached. Mr. Dietrich provided details on how the awning will be attached and stated that the frame supports will be mounted to the existing stone column tops and anchored back to the building below the eaves with a "Z" bracket, lags and framed hook.

Mr. King, MOTION to approve the HP17-016 202 S Pleasant St. Historic Preservation District #13, Southeast Prescott. Request approval for new fabric patio cover over existing north patio. Mr. Teeters, 2nd. VOTE 7-0; passed

IV. UPDATE OF CURRENT EVENTS OR OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Ms. Moody announced that the Prescott Historic Home Tour will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018. She said the concern is that if one property owner declines it wouldn't be enough for the Tour to continue. She said that only nine or so property owners have accepted to participate.

The Commission discussed the Home Tour in more detail as to why the historical property owners are not willing to participate. Some of the issues are that the owners have a medical condition that would keep the public from entering their home. Other factors include that the property owner doesn't feel that their historical home is "grand" enough and other just do not want the public walking through their home because of privacy concerns. The Commissioners proposed a few ideas that may help with participation including making personal contact with property owners to calm their fears and sending a follow-up letter to let them know about the Tour even if they decided not to participate. Also, the Commissioners felt that by letting property owners know that there are options for minimum invasive contact such as blocking off specific areas and only allowing the public to view the downstairs portion of the home and not the upstairs that more participation may occur. Some Commissioners felt that if other property owners hear their neighbors are participating and there are no negative impacts maybe they will chose to participate in the future.

Ms. Moody will provide a list of premium homes for the Commissioners to contact.

Ms. Moody requested volunteers for the end-of-year project presentation. The idea is for the Commissioners to take photos of all the projects completed in the 2017 calendar year. Ms. Moody will prepare a presentation and show it at the first meeting in 2018. Commissioners Buchanan and Teeters volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Edelbrock adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.



Gary Edelbrock, Chairman



Darla Eastman,
Recording Secretary