



PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
FRIDAY, May 10, 2019
8:00 AM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 S. CORTEZ STREET
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA
(928) 777-1100**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

Members

Robert Burford, Chairman
Michael Mirco, Vice-Chairman
Richard Sprain

Gary Edelbrock
Mike King (Absent)
James McCarver (Absent)
Mary Ann Suttles (Absent)

Staff: Cat Moody- Historic Preservation Specialist
Kaylee Collison, Recording Secretary
Bryn Stotler, Director of Community Development

Council: Phil Goode

III. REGULAR AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 8:31am by Chairman Burford

1. Approve minutes from the March 8, 2019 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Edelbrock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mirco and approved unanimously.

2. HP19-006: 300 N Montezuma St. APN: 113-13-038F. Courtesy review of the Hilton Garden Inn project and interface with the National Register eligible railroad trestle bridge.

Cat Moody presented on the history of the railroad and its relationship with the development of Prescott. She shared maps of the train lines that ran into Prescott.

Also shared were: old fire insurance maps that include the depot building and aerials of Prescott from 1955 that show the trestle bridge, an aerial from 1976 and 1985, a 1940s photo of the railroad trestle, a photo of a railroad car that sat on the bridge and contained a restaurant, and site plan maps from 1923.

Ms. Moody noted the Prescott Preservation Commission had reviewed a fire station proposal at the same location in the past. This was never built.

She also shared a site plan of the hotel and explained the proposal to have the trestle connect to the hotel via a walkway.

Shane Shumway who is the developer spoke to how the project hopes to expand the feel of downtown and make it more walkable. They will add exterior stairs to connect to the bridge and additional flooring to make the trestle safer.

Commissioners and the applicant talked about ownership and potential uses for the trestle bridge, cost of refurbishment, timeline of construction, etc.

Anticipated construction is approximately one year. The goal is to open in July of 2020.

Citizen George Sheats spoke on his involvement with the Granite Creek Park and past flooding occurrences. He wanted to know more about how the other historic properties in the area could be incorporated into the Historic District.

Staff indicated that Sam Hill is listed in the national register and the trestle bridge is "national register eligible." There is not a current plan to expand the historic district boundaries and if that were to be proposed, the property owner would need to be in support.

IV. UPDATE OF CURRENT EVENTS OR OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Ms. Moody gave an update on the 2019 Historic Preservation Conference at The Hassayampa and Elks Theater June 12-14, 2019. There is a record number of registrants. Mrs. Elisabeth Ruffner will be recognized on the Wednesday night of the conference at the Holiday courtyard. Cat will be doing a walking tour. All the Commissioners are signed up and encouraged to attend the sessions.

The next PPC will be on June 7th due to the conference.

V. Adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10am


Michelle Chavez, Recorder


Robert Burford, Chairman