



# PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING  
FRIDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
8:00 AM**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting + Council Chambers  
201 S. CORTEZ STREET  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA  
(928) 777-1207**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

## **II. ATTENDANCE**

### **Members**

Robert Burford, Chairman  
Mike King  
James McCarver  
Michael Mirco, Vice-Chairman  
Rob Johnson  
Richard Sprain  
Mary Ann Suttles (Absent)

### **Staff:**

Cat Moody, Historic Preservation Specialist  
George Worley, Planning Manager  
Kaylee Nunez, Recording Secretary

### **Council:**

Phil Goode, Liaison

## **III. REGULAR AGENDA**

***The meeting was called to order at 08:00 am by Chair Burford.***

### **1. Approval of the minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.**

**Commissioner Sprain made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commissioner King seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).**

### **2. HP21-007 212 S Mount Vernon Ave. APN: 110-01-025. Historic Preservation District #13, Southeast Prescott. Request approval for remodel of existing rear building.**

Historic Preservation Specialist Cat Moody presented an aerial view and photos of the subject property, which detail an existing, accessory structure on the rear lot line. The applicant

proposes to remove the “barn building” from the north side of this structure, to relocate the gas meter to allow for access to the (northern) parking area, to relocate the entry to the north side, remove the existing exterior door from the east side and to remodel the interior to be a one bedroom guest quarters that meets current building code.

Commissioner McCarver asked whether the current space is livable, owner Robert Seals answered that it is currently an open stall but is wired and plumbed so that it can be converted to livable He explained that their desire is to have this be a guest unit for family members.

Chairman Burford asked about parking requirements, Planning Manager George Worley answered that there would be (1) additional parking space required for the guest unit, which will be satisfied.

Applicant and owner Robert Seals added that he hopes to start this project in the next three to six months.

Commissioner McCarver asked about height restrictions. Ms. Moody answered that the applicant is not changing the height of the building and is well below the maximum. Commissioner McCarver also asked if the proposed changes to the structure would be compatible with the surroundings, Ms. Moody answered that they would.

**Commissioner Sprain made a motion to approve HP21-007. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).**

**3. HP21-006 212 W Gurley St. APN: 113-15-093C. Historic Preservation District #1, Courthouse Plaza. Request approval for signage for a new business, True North Nutrition**

Historic Preservation Specialist Cat Moody presented a brief history of the subject building, called the Wilson Block Building, it was originally a building with a full brick façade constructed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The brick was covered at some point in the 1930s, was wrapped in metal in the 1960s, the metal was then removed and the stucco retreated in the 1990s. She stated that the building still maintains its original form and architecture and, as such, remains on the National Historic register.

Ms. Moody also stated that the applicant has already refaced the wall mounted sign, so this is an after-the-fact approval for that element. The additional sign, to be placed under the awning, has not been installed yet.

Applicant and owner of True North Nutrition, Ben Filer, resident of Phoenix, AZ explained that he is a previous resident of Prescott. He has been in the area for almost 40 years. He made a dramatic lifestyle change a couple years ago that included starting a healthy smoothie shop in Scottsdale, called the Nutrition Spot. It has been a success. He seeks to bring the same concept to Prescott, which he believes is a unique product and service. Mr. Filer also expressed that he wants to keep within the theme of the building with his signage.

Commissioner Mirco asked whether this was a franchise. Mr. Filer answered that it is not, although he distributes and will sell Herbalife products.

Commissioner McCarver asked whether there would be a dining area included, Mr. Filer answered that there would but the maximum occupant load of the business would be 20-21. Mr. McCarver asked whether there was potential to expand seating outside. Mr. Worley

answered that there are some allowances for outside seating within the downtown, however, they have restrictions on how much area it can occupy as they must maintain enough clearance on the sidewalk in front.

**Commissioner King made a motion to approve HP21-006. Commissioner Sprain seconded the motion. The motion passed (6-0).**

**IV. UPDATE OF CURRENT EVENTS OR OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE**

Ms. Moody announced that the State Historic Preservation Conference was held last month and that Commissioners Sprain and McCarver attended. Commissioner Sprain explained that the course he attended focused primarily on ethics and code of conduct, he shared the material he received at the course with Ms. Moody who will be sharing it with the entire Commission. Commissioner McCarver explained that he learned about extensive preservation projects in other jurisdictions as well as the positive economic and social impacts of maintaining historic areas.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 08:53 am



Kaylee Nunez, Recorder



Robert Burford, Chair