



**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**PRESCOTT PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
FRIDAY, MAY 13th, 2022,
8:00 AM**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting + Council Chambers
201 S. CORTEZ ST.
PRESCOTT, AZ 86303
928-777-1207**

Minutes of the Prescott Preservation Commission on May 13th, 2022, on a Virtual Zoom Meeting and Council Chambers at 201 S. Cortez St. Prescott, Arizona.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burford called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Members:

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

Staff:

Cat Moody, Historic Preservation Specialist
Bryn Stotler, Community Development Director
George Worley, Planning Manager
Tammy Dewitt, Community Planner
Kaylee Nunez, Recording Secretary

City Leadership:

Mayor Phil Goode
Councilman Eric Moore, Liaison, Absent

3. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes from the April 8th, 2022, meeting.

Commissioner King moved to approve the minutes of the April 8th, 2022 Preservation Commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mirco: Passed (6-0).

- B. **HP22-005** 202 S Montezuma St. APN: 109-02-046A. Historic Preservation District #1, Courthouse Plaza. Request approval for 3-foot steel fencing for exterior patio dining.

Historic Preservation Specialist Cat Moody presented an aerial photo of the subject property, explaining that it is part of the Local Courthouse Plaza Historic District, the building itself is not on the register. The property now houses Colt BBQ, and the intention of this project is to create an outdoor dining patio. Ms. Moody shared a site plan delineating types and heights of proposed fencing, the majority of it composed of 3' high black, wrought iron fencing. Three self-closing exit gates will be located at the southwest corner, the northeast corner, and the eastern side of the property. Ms. Moody also presented specs of the proposed materials.

Commissioner Mirco asked whether putting in the fencing would negate existing parking areas.

Applicant and owner, Brenda Clouston, explained that there is no parking required outside of handicap spaces as she is in the Downtown Business District DTB. She also clarified that the fencing and gate has been removed from the northeast corner of the property due to a request from the Fire Department.

Commissioner King commented that the removal of the (northeastern) gates and fencing would assist in proper evacuation of the property in the event of an emergency.

Chairman Burford asked whether the planters on site are City property. Ms. Clouston answered that they are. Mr. Burford asked whether the outwards swing of the gates was an issue with City code; specifically, whether opening into Right-of-ways is an issue with the City. Ms. Moody explained that such an issue is outside the purview of the Preservation Commission.

Commissioner McCarver asked whether there are plans to put up umbrellas and/or awnings in the outdoor patio area. Ms. Clouston answered that she does plan to put up some sort of covering but is uncertain of the exact type at this point and that she is very conscious of making it attractive and compatible for the location.

Commissioner Sprain moved to approve HP22-005 seconded by Commissioner King: Passed (6-0).

- C. **HP22-008** 116 S Mount Vernon Ave. APN: 110-01-008. Historic Preservation District #13, Southeast Prescott. Request approval for perimeter fencing, 4ft in the front yard and 6ft in the side yard.

Mrs. Moody presented an aerial photo of the subject property, explaining that it is part of the Southeast Prescott Local Historic District as well as the East Prescott National Historic Register. Ms. Moody shared proposed fence style photos and a site plan delineating types and heights of proposed fencing, which features white, vinyl 4ft picket style fencing in the front setback, then a 'swoop' element where the fencing goes from 6' to 4' high and 6 feet high privacy style fencing behind that. The existing fence returns that extend towards the house will remain. Ms. Moody explained that, while vinyl fencing is not as desirable as wood or metal in Historic districts, that it has been approved by the Commission a few times. She also shared that the two elm trees in the front will be removed and replaced with other tree types, which are in City right-of-way and that the Commission does not have purview over the tree removal.

Applicant and landscaper, Jeff Barter, explained that he has done a lot of work on Mount Vernon and favors maple trees or honey locusts. He also explained that he has done vinyl fencing on other properties on Mount Vernon and that the vinyl fencing is very durable.

Commissioner Johnson explained that he lives on Mount Vernon and worked hard to preserve the trees in front of his property and that he used costly measures to save them and suggested that perhaps the applicant could do the same. Mr. Barter said that he would like to save the elms and would look into that possibility.

Commissioner King asked what species of elm tree the existing trees are, Mr. Barter did not know. Mr. King commented that Liberty Elms are the best elm species for the area.

Commissioner McCarver asked whether the fencing type fell into the standards of the City. Ms. Moody answered that the color is compatible as well as the heights proposed. Mr. McCarver also asked whether the fencing in the rear will be replaced, Mr. Barter answered that it will not.

Commissioner Mirco asked whether the homeowner has entertained the option of using wood fencing in the front. Mr. Barter answered that they wanted a lower maintenance option.

Chairman asked whether the gate(s) would swing inwards as well as the 25' front setback being honored. Mr. Barter answered that the gates would swing inwards and that the 25' setback would be honored.

Local resident Brenda Clouston commented that the wood fencing is only attractive when it is maintained and recommended a vinyl product with a 'wood grain' if possible.

Ms. Moody commented that the historic guidelines specify that 'modern materials should be compatible yet differentiated' so that it can be distinguished from true Historic material. So, in this instance, a smooth vinyl would be preferential.

Commissioner King moved to approve HP22-008 seconded by Commissioner Burford: There was further discussion among Commissioners and the motion failed (1-5) with Commissioners Sprain, Johnson, Mirco, McCarver and Burford dissenting.

Commissioner McCarver moved to approved HP22-008 with the stipulation that the fencing along the front and within the front setback be wood or metal whereas the remainder would be the owner's option seconded by Commissioner Sprain. The motion passed (6-0).

4. UPDATE OF CURRENT EVENTS OR OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Ms. Moody shared that the City was awarded a \$12,000 grant towards the Historic Master Plan update and that the money must be spent by September 30th as a condition of the grant. The goal is to bring the plan into an electronic format and to add new media as well as bring it into conformance with current historic districts and national guidelines. Ms. Moody also shared that she will be working on the update along with temporary, part-time help and hopes to have a first draft in the fall of 2022

Community Development Director Bryn Stotler announced that the City's General Plan update is coming up, which is required by Arizona statute every 10 years. She explained

that the Council would be appointing a committee in July as well as approving a public participation plan, she welcomed the Commissioners to apply for the committee if interested.

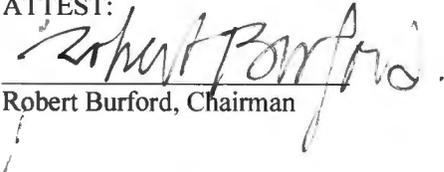
5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Chairman Burford adjourned the meeting at 9:07 A.M.



Kaylee Nunez, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Robert Burford, Chairman