

Date/Time

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 5:31 PM

Location

Fuller Lodge, Throne Room
2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544

Board Members

- Mark Rayburn, (Chair), **Present**
- Leslie Linke, (Co-Chair), **Present**
- Patrick Moore, **Present**
- Jorge Maldonado, **Present**

Others Present

- Councilor Antonio Maggiore
- Paul Andrus, Community Development Director
- Christopher Wilson, PROS Division Manager
- Barbara Lai, Senior Management Analyst
- John Ruminer, Board of Directors, Historical Society

I. Administrative Actions

A. Call to Order/Introductions

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

B. Approval of Today's Agenda

The Agenda was approved without changes.

C. Public Comment/Public Hearings

Mr. Ruminer stated that the History Museum is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of the Boys School. There is a special exhibit on display at the Museum to commemorate the history of the School and Los Alamos. The exhibit features a cross section slice from the Ponderosa Pine which had to be taken down by the Parks staff. The Museum staff transformed the slice into a beautiful, educational exhibit. A chronology expert, Thomas Swagan, preserved the tree slice with eight coats of protection. Mr. Swagan cut out cores, dated them, and prepared a narrative of the historic significance for each core, starting in 1844 to the present. It is on a steel stand in the museum and will be available after Dec. 31 as a traveling exhibit. The HPAB discussed various sites in the community where the exhibit might be displayed in 2018.

D. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Moore moved to approve the minutes with minor revisions. Vice Chair Linke seconded. The minutes from the October 4, 2017 meeting were approved. Chair Rayburn commented on the appearance of the bronze

statues and that they needed to be cleaned.

II. Historic Preservation Business (Items for Discussion and Possible Action)

A. Chairman's Report

Chair Rayburn expressed his concern that the HPAB was not involved in the decision regarding the design of the signage proposed by the Wayfinding consultant. He discussed his observations that the Wayfinding project has progressed without input from the HPAB.

Mr. Andrus reported that no final decisions on Wayfinding have been made.

Ms. Lai will schedule an update at the December meeting by Linda Matteson, Assistant to the County Manager and Wayfinding Project Coordinator.

Chair Rayburn also discussed his desire for more LAC staff presentations on current issues that involve Historic Preservation. Mr. Andrus assured the Board that there will be more coordination and presentations in the future.

Member Moore stated that it is the NM SHPO intention to be a supporter for County historic efforts. All present agreed that moving forward there will be greater coordination and involvement between the Board and CDD.

Vice-Chair Leslie Linke reported on the Tourism Working Group meeting. She mentioned that the next meeting is a public meeting on Nov 8. The consultant, Design Workshop, introduced the concept of reporting *Community Indicators* relating to tourism to measure how well a community is doing relating to increasing tourism. Vice-Chair Linke mentioned the website of the Town of Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, as an excellent example of how that city reports measures on a program basis as compared to a city department basis. The web site focuses on projects that enriched the visitors' experience.

Ms. Linke also attended the County Council work session where the consultant discussed the next phase of the project and how to improve LAC for visitors. The consultant complimented the County on its Wayfinding project and the way that this community is ahead of the game. The consultant said that LAC already has a lot of "fun things" to offer visitors. A draft of the Wayfinding plan will be presented to County Council in December, with final approval by Council in January, 2018. In the next phase, the *Working Group* will become the *Implementation Team*.

Councilor Maggiore commented that the consultants are very focused on emphasizing the amenities that LAC offers visitors, including history, outdoor adventures, and other activities.

III. Staff Reports

A. Reports and Updates

Update on the Oppenheimer and Groves Statues Foundation Repair.

Christopher Wilson provided pictures of the repairs needed and discussed the plan for repairing the chipped stones and the crack in the base. Mr. Wilson stated that the Art in Public Places Board is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the statues. Mr. Wilson discussed the repairs to the tuff which is eroding at the front of the statues due to irrigation practices and mowing. Chair Rayburn asked about the uneven grass and chipping stones on the back side of the base. Mr. Wilson said that in the Spring, the old stones will be removed and the surface will be resod around the concrete base. The metal edging will be added to the circumference of the foundation. Chair Rayburn also expressed his concern about the condition of the statues and that both statues need to be refinished. Ms. Lai updated the Board on the Art in Public Places maintenance contract for the bronze statues and will provide a report to the Board at the next meeting.

Historic Designation Discussion

Ms. Lai presented a chart that compares the Federal, State, and County Ordinances and what the regulations encompass. She presented the map of the four historic designated districts in town with the ownership listed.

Ms. Lai reported on the requirements for becoming a Certified Local Government. She presented the description and pictures of two buildings that are excellent examples of 1960's Modern Architecture for future consideration as Federal Historic Landmark status. Chair Rayburn also mentioned studying the Community Building and parking lot for addition to the Historic District.

IV. Informational Items

No informational items to report.

V. Public Comment

Leslie Linke brought up the shortcomings of the video and audio systems in Fuller Lodge. She said that there were complaints from the community that they could not hear the presentation by Jennet Conant, author of 109 East Palace and Man of the Hour when she lectured in Fuller Lodge. The County will address Ms. Linke's concerns with the Public Works Department.

VI. Next Meeting(s)/Future Agenda Items

Due to schedule conflicts, the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017 and the January meeting will be held on January 10, 2018.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

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