

August 22, 2023

HISTORIC PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE PROPERTY OWNER MEETING

Attendance:

James O'Donnell
Kate O'Donnell
1300 Bathtub Row

Miles Olinger
1974 Peach Street
1987 Peach Street

Colleen Olinger
1964 Juniper Street
1152 Bathtub Row

Sobia Sayeda
Los Alamos County, Planning Manager

Patrick Moore
Historic Preservation Advisory Board Chair
Jane Mathews
Senior Planner

Desirae J. Lujan
Associate Planner

The above-mentioned property owners met with Patrick Moore, Historic Preservation Advisory Board Chairman, and Sobia Sayeda, Los Alamos County Planning Manager, to share their concerns with the adoption of a Historic Protection Overlay Zone. They communicated that they are not in support of the overlay district as the Development Code is currently written. Specifically, as outlined in the below sections:

16-73-(h)(1)b: "Any construction, alteration, relocation or demolition of any fence or other landscape feature including, without limitation, any deck, wall, berm, garden structure, exterior lighting, driveway, or landscaping that has the potential for affecting historic structures or features shall also require and approved Historic Property Alteration Certificate per this section."

16-73-(h)(4)b: "The proposed work is compatible with the relevant historic, cultural, or architectural qualities characteristic of the structure, site or district including, but not limited to, elements of size, scale, massing, proportions, orientation, materials, surface textures and patterns, details and embellishments and the relation of these elements to one another."

After much discussion, they concluded with a common understanding that if the overlay were to move forward, the boundary should exclude their properties. The property owners voiced that if

the Development Code, Sec. 16-73, would be amended to address their concerns – then they might be amenable to being added to the overlay zone.

Ms. Sayeda resolved that the options would be shared with Historic Preservation Advisory Board, who will advise staff on how to move forward.

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