

**Historic Preservation Advisory Board  
Draft Minutes March 3, 2021**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**Members Present:** Patrick Moore, Chair; Jonathan Creel, Vice Chair; and Nancy Bartlit, Michelle Murillo, Robert Dryja, Members.

**Council Liaison:** Councilor Denise Derkacs

**Others Present:** Linda Matteson, CMO; Liz Martineau, Executive Director – Historical Society; Barbara Lai, Staff Liaison; Perry Rutherford, IT; and Greg White, Resident.

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair Moore.

**A. Approval of Today's Agenda**

**There are no corrections, the Agenda is approved.**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**There are two corrections to the minutes, and with no further corrections, the minutes are approved.**

**C. Public Comment**

No comment.

**II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (Items for Discussion and Possible Action)**

**Implementation of the Fuller Lodge Interpretive Plan**

Linda Matteson introduced herself and spoke about her special projects. She summarized collaborations with the Historical Society and the interpretive work that they have done at Fuller Lodge.

Ms. Martineau, Executive Director of the Historical Society, also spoke regarding the interpretive projects that the Society has ongoing at the Lodge and the Oppenheimer House.

A lengthy discussion and exchange of ideas followed the presentation. Ms. Martineau offered the Board an opportunity to tour the Oppenheimer House, post COVID. Chair Moore congratulated Ms. Matteson and Ms. Martineau on the great progress of their work on interpreting the historic sites in Los Alamos.

**III. HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUSINESS (Items for Discussion and Possible Action)**

**Chairman's Report**

Chair Moore spoke about the County Council's presentation that he will be giving on March 23, 2021. He will be including a request for a building manager for the care of historic amenities in Los Alamos. Mr. Moore asked Ms. Martineau to provide information to the Board on the acquisition of the Oppenheimer House.

Ms. Martineau said that they are in the phase of assessing the House structurally, plumbing, electrical, etc. of the historic property. The final report will be coming from the architect as the end of February. The top priority is to obtain approval from the County to open the House to the public.

She offered to conduct a tour of the House for the Board. She stated that the cost is about \$500,000 to have the House ready to open for the public, and that she is working to acquire a grant to cover the cost. She asked the Board for a letter of support. Member Bartlit will draft a grant support letter for the Board's approval.

Chair Moore discussed the presentation to Council and how the FY2022 work plan will be developed to include the position of Building Stewart Manager, and how that position will relate to County Council and the Board's priorities.

#### **IV. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Art in Public Places Board. Member Bartlit reported that the APPB has provided its revenue outlook for coming years. She reported that the contract to clean the rugs in the Pajarito Room of Fuller Lodge is moving forward and that the cost is \$9,360. She also reported that she attended the Master Plan Zoom meeting and said that some members recommended that the Visitor Center be moved to Fuller Lodge.

Tourism Implementation Task Force. Vice Chair Creel said that there are other recommendations for the Visitor Center site. The Board should be aware that those discussions are being held, but no decisions have been made and no recommendation has gone to Council. Mr. Creel said that the post office situation was discussed and that the postal service may be considering other alternatives for a facility.

Historical Society. Ms. Martineau reported that the main goals of the Historical Society are to increase the size professional development of the board, rehabilitation, and the opening of the Oppenheimer House.

##### **Council Liaison Report**

Councilor Derkacs reported that the Council meeting had to be rescheduled due to technical difficulties, and that the HPAB presentation will be rescheduled for the next meeting. The most controversial issue discussed was whether or not to purchase CB Fox and the Reel Deal properties.

She asked for the opinion of the Board. Chair Moore and Vice Chair Creel agreed that the CD Fox property is within the area of the historic district and should properly be retained because of its historic significance. They also stated that the Reel Deal would be an ideal location for the arts. Ms. Bartlit said that she supports the purchase of the properties to control the historic significance and reuse.

#### **V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The concert season may resume this summer with the first two performances being virtual.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN**

The next HPAB meeting is April 7, 2021.

Chair Moore declared the meeting adjourned.