

**Historic Preservation Advisory Board
Draft Minutes June 2, 2021**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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

Member Absent: Michelle Murillo

Council Liaison: Councilor Denise Derkacs

Others Present: Sobia Sayeda, CDD; Georgia Strickfaden, Advocate for the United Church; Ann Cook, Treasurer of the United Church; Pamela Massey, United Church; David Elton, Pastor of the United Church; Roger Smith, Past President, and advocate for the United Church; Elizabeth Martineau, Historical Society; Barbara Lai, Staff Liaison; Perry Rutherford, IT.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair Moore.

Approval of Todays Agenda

Mr. Dryja moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Creel seconded the motion. The agenda is approved with a vote of 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Creel moved to approve the Minutes. Mr. Dryja seconded the motion. The May 5 Minutes are approved with a vote of 4-0.

Public Comment

No comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Local Designation Discussion – United Church, formerly WWII Army Chapel

Ms. Strickfaden explained the background for the request for a WWII Army Chapel and placing it in Los Alamos. She discussed the historic significance of the United Church. Sec. 16-612 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance lists six criteria. The building must possess not less than two of the six to be authorized with historic designation. Ms. Strickfaden pointed out that the Army Chapel meets five of the six criteria. The Board recommended that consideration of the Army Chapel for local historic designation be moved forward.

Pastor Elton, Mr. Smith, Ms. Cook, and Ms. Massey emphasized the uniqueness of the uses, interdenominational gatherings, and their strong support for the historic dedication. Ms. Cook added that she knows first-hand where the original documents for the acquisition of the church are located. They stressed that the Unity Church has, for forty years, always brought people of all backgrounds together. Roger Smith spoke to the importance of the storyboards on display at the church.

Proposed Process to Follow for a Local Designation

Ms. Lai presented the draft policy and procedure, historic designation application, and consent form to the board members and guests. Following a discussion, the Board and the guests from the United Church guests agreed that the proposed process is acceptable. The next step is to contact the County Attorney and set up a meeting for a formal legal review of the documents. Ms. Lai will report back to the Board on the results of that meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BUSINESS

Chairman's Report

Chair Moore encouraged Board members to volunteer to provide educational historic materials to the public at the Farmer's Market on Thursday mornings.

STAFF REPORTS

Update on the Status of the WAC Building

Ms. Lai explained that the RFP and consultant agreement to the Board and how the consultant will be responsible for documenting the building construction process. She also described the application procedure for applying for historic designation. Ms. Sayeda explain the rezoning process in detail to the Board.

Councilor Derkacs pointed out that the consultant will bring three conceptual design options forward for consideration by Council. In addition, Council supports historic designation of the building.

Boards and Commission Liaison Reports

Nancy Bartlit reported that the Fuller Lodge rugs have been cleaned and are once again, hanging in the Lodge. In the future, they will be cleaned every five years.

Ms. Martineau reported that the Hotel Room exhibit in Fuller Lodge is completed and open to visitors.

Council Liaison Report

Councilor Derkacs reported that the County Council meetings will be held in person. She also reported that Council voted to ask the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a Pedestrian Retail Overlay District in downtown Los Alamos. The Council heard a presentation at their work session to create a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area. She also mentioned that Council recognized the service of County Manager Harry Burgess who has elected to retire. Steve Lynn has been appointed as Acting County Manager while the search for a new manager continues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN

The next HPAB meeting will be held on July 7, 2021, at 5:30 via Zoom.
Chair Moore declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.