



MINUTES

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

March 5, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

Audio and Video of this meeting can be accessed at:
<http://losalamos.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

1. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present:

Patrick Moore, Chair
Patrick Cruz, Vice Chair
Liz Martineau
Carrie Gregory

Members Absent:

Loretta Weiss

Staff Present:

Jane Mathews, Senior Planner
Dan Osborn, Interim Director, Community Development Department

Council Liaison:

David Reagor

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

President of the Los Alamos Historical Society, introduced himself and joined in the Baker House Tour.

3. HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approval of Agenda

MEMBER MARTINEAU MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MEMBER GREGORY. APPROVED 4-0 VOTE.

B. Historic Preservation Advisory Board (HPAB) Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2025. The Board voiced no changes to the Minutes as drafted.

MEMBER GREGORY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MEMBER CRUZ. APPROVED 4-0 VOTE.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. The meeting was held at Fuller Lodge, with a brief tour of Baker House.

NO VOTE HELD – DISCUSSION ONLY.

The tour began at 5:40 and resumed in Fuller Lodge at 6:00 pm.

The tour, highlighting historic features of the home, was led by Colleen Olinger. She also spoke on her daily experience of life in the historic home.

- B. Discussion of Historic Preservation Month – May, possible events.

NO VOTE HELD – DISCUSSION ONLY.

Ideas continued for the HPAB to be involved and visible at the farmer's market; booth/table outside of Romero Cabin at the Spring Arts & Craft Fair, May 10th; the Art's Council; possible draft for an article about the importance of historic preservation for the LA Post.

Brochure idea: Chair Moore suggested a conversation focused on HPAB's charge for advisement and advocacy for preservation, but not an enforcement board. Communicate what we do and why we care about it and encourage people to think about preservation. We could talk about all the buildings and properties around LAC that are eligible now. What is our message?

- C. Discussion of Historic Preservation Month – May Proclamation.

NO VOTE HELD – DISCUSSION ONLY.

Proclamation: Inclusive of the private property owners on Bathtub Row, statement thanking those who take care of these important properties at their own expense, as well as the Historical Society, raising money for the Oppenheimer House; Manhattan Project spending money on projects in Los Alamos County; appreciation to the community. No movement on this item.

- D. Discussion of a Possible Historic Structure at the Stables.

NO VOTE HELD – DISCUSSION ONLY.

Member Martineau discussed the importance of being aware of historic elements that could be overlooked.

- E. Discussion of the Historic Preservation Conference.

NO VOTE HELD – DISCUSSION ONLY.

Member Gregory highly recommended the conference to others and stated that it should not be missed if possible because it has not been held regularly.

<https://nmhistoricpreservation.org/outreach/statewide-historic-preservation-conference.html>

5. BOARD/DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS

- A. County Staff Report

Ms. Mathews answered questions from Member Martineau regarding the RFP for a County-

Owned Historic & Cultural Properties Master Plan. A draft RFP is anticipated to be discussed at the June HPAB meeting.

Ms. Mathews also will provide a draft proclamation for use by members in an update for 2025.

B. Chair Report

The chair researched when anyone started calling the Manhattan Project Era Dormitory the WAC Bldg. It was Liz.

C. HPAB Board Liaison and/or Sub-Committee Reports

Member Gregory attended the Parks Board meeting. The Park and Recreation division has three sub-groups: Open Space, Bike Parks, and Equestrian. They are undertaking a facilities audit and master plan, being led by Wilson Co and Sites Southwest.

D. Council Liaison Report

CM David Reagor cautioned that a tour of the Manhattan Project Era Dormitory should be visited sooner rather than later, so that any recommendations could be based in real experience with the building.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Bartlet.

7. NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. March 5, 2025, will be held at Fuller Lodge with a tour of Baker House.

B. Agenda items for April 2, 2025

1. Update and work session for planning May's Historic Preservation Month (Discussion)
2. Update and work session for Historic Preservation Month Proclamation (Discussion)
3. Update and work session for a revised brochure (Discussion)

8. ADJOURNMENT

7:15 PM