

**CITY OF KINGMAN  
 MEETING OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
 Council Chambers  
 310 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2015**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>Officers:</b>	<b>Visitors Signing In:</b>
D. Wagner, Chair	B. Shilling, Grant Administrator	See attached list
M. Glancy, Vice-Chair	Mark Wimpee, Sr., Council Liaison	
A. Florisi	E. Roper, Recording Secretary	
L. Hansen – EXCUSED		
E. Hatcher - ABSENT		
N. Russell		
Vacant		

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Wagner called the meeting to order at 5:28 P.M. Four commissioners were present. Commissioner Hansen was excused and Commission Hatcher was absent.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The Regular Meeting minutes of May 26, 2015**
- b. The Special Meeting minutes of June 4, 2015**
- c. The Work Session minutes of June 22, 2015**

Vice-Chair Glancy made a MOTION to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 26, 2015, the Special Meeting minutes of June 4, 2015, and the Work Session minutes of June 22, 2015. Commissioner Florisi SECONDED and it was APPROVED by a vote of 4-0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Those wishing to address the commission should fill out request forms in advance. Action taken as a result of public comments will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for consideration and decision at a later time. There will be no comments allowed that advertise for a particular person or group. Comments should be limited to no longer than 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action on commission fundraisers**

HPC is working on a walking tour map including QR Codes to be incorporated in the map used by the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce. Commissioners may take action on this project.

Commissioner Florisi stated the walking tour project was combined with the website project.

**b. Discussion and possible action on filling a commission vacancy**

Commissioners may consider filling a vacancy on the HPC.

Commissioner Florisi stated she was waiting for applications from three people.

Commissioner Russell stated she distributed one application.

Vice-Mayor Wimpee, Sr. stated he also distributed one application.

Chair Wagner stated she assumed Commissioner Hatcher was not committed to the commission.

**c. Discussion and possible action on the Miner's Monument**

Commissioner Russell is working to develop plans to re-build the Miner's Monument once located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street near the train depot. Commissioners will discuss and may take action on the project.

Commissioner Russell showed a sketch of the monument, which is included at the end of this report. Commissioner Russell stated she was ready to speak to the engineer to make sure the monument would be properly supported. Commissioner Russell stated she had approval from the Building Department and would work on locating rocks for construction.

Grant Administrator Bill Shilling stated he would work with City Engineering to make sure the drainage was correct. Mr. Shilling stated the project needed no further permits as it was at least 25 feet from the railroad tracks.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action on a commission website**

Commissioner Florisi has begun work on a new website and may update the commission on its status.

Commissioner Florisi stated the website was roughly mapped out with sections for a community calendar, Kingman historic information, and links to pages for the properties on the walking tour. Commissioner Florisi stated the website would link to the QR codes if the commission decided to fund the project. Commissioner Florisi stated she was also working on ideas for promoting small businesses.

Vice-Chair Glancy asked if the small businesses would be charged a fee to appear on the site.

Commissioner Florisi stated she had not made any firm decisions about charging a fee.

Commissioner Florisi stated she wanted the website to have a donation feature, but there would need to be a bank account associated with it and that needed to be arranged with the Finance Department. Commissioner Florisi stated she would show the website at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Glancy asked if a tour of the nature trail would be included on the website.

Commissioner Florisi stated the perk of a website was that content could be easily updated and she would include a tour of the nature trail if the commission wanted it.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **a. 218 Oak Street building**

The HPC identified the property at 218 Oak Street to be in critical danger of being listed on the historic endangered property list. Staff will update the HPC on the status of this property.

Mr. Shilling stated the sale of the property was not officially settled, but the new owners were present and excited about moving forward with rehabilitation.

Jenn Delry stated she intended to turn the building into a space for professionals such as lawyers. Ms. Delry stated there were two duplexes attached to the back of the building and she would do some renovation to them as well. Ms. Delry stated the current focus was on renovating the vacant duplex and renting it out. Ms. Delry stated she was having trouble finding photographs that showed the original exterior of the building. Ms. Delry stated Mr. Shilling was helping her secure a plaque for the building.

### **b. Mohave County Justice Center (Courthouse Expansion)**

Staff will update the HPC the status of Mohave County's plan to build a new Justice Center adjacent to the current historic Mohave County Courthouse.

Mr. Shilling stated the Mohave County Board of Supervisors placed the project on hold. Mr. Shilling stated the plans would remain the same, but the completion date would be moved out to 2020 due to finances.

### **c. Palo Christi School and the Nature Trail**

Staff will report on the status of this property.

Mr. Shilling stated the Kingman Unified School District (KUSD) was hoping to find a buyer for the property. Mr. Shilling stated the nature trail was still available and maintained.

### **d. Downtown District planning and ordinance development**

Staff will report on the current status of the proposal to include HPC in the oversight of a future Downtown District(s).

Mr. Shilling stated a downtown business owner made a proposal for a downtown entertainment district at the August 4, 2015 Council meeting due to a church signing a lease with the Central Commercial Building owners. Mr. Shilling stated City staff was preparing two different sets of

boundaries: one that included historic areas of town and one that included historic properties. Mr. Shilling stated the options would be presented to the commission once staff had finalized them.

Vice-Mayor Wimpee, Sr. stated he believed the Council would approve an entertainment district due to the threat of devaluation to the bars in historic downtown. Vice-Mayor Wimpee, Sr. stated if a church permanently located in historic downtown the existing bars would be able to continue operating under a grandfather clause, but they would never be able to sell their businesses; once the ownership changed hands the new owner could not sell alcohol. Vice-Mayor Wimpee, Sr. stated this was due to state liquor laws and the Council was working to put the entertainment district in place before the church opened.

**e. Metcalf Park fence replacement**

Staff will report on the possibility of replacing the chain link fence around Metcalf Park with an alternate, more attractive material.

Mr. Shilling stated there were two proposals from a wrought iron company in town. Mr. Shilling stated replacing the section of fence facing Beale Street would cost \$4,000 and replacing the side facing Grandview Avenue would cost \$5,000. Mr. Shilling stated the existing posts would be used and the chain link would be replaced with wrought iron. Mr. Shilling stated a goal was to obtain historic designation for Metcalfe Park, but it was a three year process with associated costs.

Vice-Chair Glancy stated the chain link fence was better now that it had been painted black. Vice-Chair Glancy stated replacing the fence seemed like a waste of money and it would be better to spend money on obtaining historical designation for Metcalfe Park.

Mr. Shilling stated he would gather information on the process. Mr. Shilling stated the City would need to hire a preservationist to complete the application as it was complicated, time consuming, and required a lot of research.

**6. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Limited to announcements, availability/attendance at conferences and seminars, requests for agenda items for future meetings and requests for reports from staff.**

Commissioner Russell stated she was working on re-ordering the historical society's property information book. Commissioner Russell stated the Kingman Daily Miner published a letter to the editor that expressed disapproval with the Arizona Historical Society.

Vice-Chair Glancy made a MOTION to ADJOURN. Commissioner Russell SECONDED and it was APPROVED by a vote of 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:15 P.M.**

APPROVED:

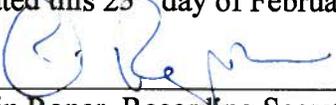
  
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Laura Hansen, Historic Preservation Commission

STATE OF ARIZONA)  
COUNTY OF MOHAVE) ss:  
CITY OF KINGMAN)

CERTIFICATE OF HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

I, Erin Roper, Recording Secretary of the City of Kingman, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016

  
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Erin Roper, Recording Secretary



# VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

City of Kingman

## Historical Preservation Commission

Council Chambers – 310 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Kingman, Arizona

Date 08/25/2015

	NAME - PLEASE PRINT	EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
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# DAILY MINER



Wednesday, August 5, 2015

## Letter: Arizona history, but at what price?

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Reasonable people would not object to using some public resources to preserve history. However, reasonable people would expect that all such public funds be used effectively and efficiently. In the case of one Arizona state agency, that is not happening.

The Arizona Historical Society is a state agency that receives a cash allocation of over \$3 million every year. That, however, is only a portion of the annual cost to taxpayers, who also pay to maintain six state history museum buildings in Tucson, Tempe, Flagstaff and Yuma. Those costs are hidden since they are not included in the AHS budget. The building costs are buried in the budget for the Arizona Department of Administration, which manages and maintains all state-owned buildings. The mortgage payment alone on the 80,000-square-foot Tempe facility is \$1.3 million per year. Therefore, the annual cost of maintaining the half dozen AHS facilities is easily more than the \$3 million in cash.

So, what do taxpayers get in return for the \$5 million to \$10 million that the AHS consumes each year? Not much. Total attendance at all six history museums was less than 23,000 last year, and attendance has been declining rapidly for the past 10 years. Apparently, each museum visitor costs taxpayers hundreds of dollars.

The AHS does archive documents as well as operate state history museums. However, that function is redundant to the mission of the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records. That state agency also operates a museum at the state Capitol. Therefore, taxpayers are supporting the overhead for two state agencies that do basically the same thing.

The AHS, with approximately 40 employees, is a top-heavy organization with some six-figure and near-six-figure salaries. The director is paid more than the governor. The AHS museum in Tempe is especially wasteful. It has 10 state employees, a huge mortgage payment, and received less than 3,400 visitors last year. That museum in particular has a history of incompetence and inefficiency. It has received media ridicule with articles such as "The Museum That Couldn't Think Straight" by Terry Greene Sterling in 1996.

In addition to being wasteful, the AHS is a rather arrogant state agency. As public records show, it has never had a satisfactory performance review because it refuses to comply with state policies. State agencies are reviewed by the Office of the Arizona Auditor General. The auditor's records show that deficiencies identified by past audits and reviews have never been corrected.

Arizona deserves better. The AHS needs to be combined with another, better-managed state agency. Its redundant management structure and most wasteful museums need to be eliminated. Taxpayers deserve better performance for the funding they provide to preserve Arizona history.

Dick Zimmermann

Tempe