

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – October 3, 2023

Board Members Present: Vida Jaber, Dave Fishell, Sidney Wood, Ron Parron, Dustin Anzures and Shannon Power

Others in Attendance: Scott Beilfuss, City Council and Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chair Vida Jaber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered the minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting which were passed 6-0 on a motion by Ron Parron and a second by Dustin Anzures.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Plaza Urrutia Handball Court – State Registry Results

Kristen reported that the court had been designated in the State Register of Historic Places on September 28, 2023. She noted that many groups were interested in a celebration event that has been suggested during May 2024 for Historic Preservation Month. Other groups include the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Arts and Culture Commission and the local, state and national Basque organizations. Additional interpretive signage was discussed (Dave volunteered to write) and further event planning will be coordinated in the months to come. Some ideas to include in the celebration included a handball demonstration or tournament, speakers, and fundraising.

Sydney was interested in providing a letter to the Arts and Culture Committee as they review the applications for the artwork to be placed at the roundabout at 24 and G Roads to consider some Basque influence due to its proximity to the court. She will draft a letter for the Board to review and then send on to the committee.

UPDATES

Most Endangered Places – Resubmit the Teller Institute

It was reported that Holly Norton was appointed to review the nomination, but she had not been in contact with those noted in the application. If nominated, we will be notified in the next few months with public announcement made at the annual conference at the end of January 2024.

Beehive Structure

Ron will call Troy to confirm what plans he may have for the structure, if he would be willing to sell it, what assistance could he use in preserving it, etc.

Upcoming November Meeting

There will be a Certificate of Appropriateness application and maybe a designation of the Sugar Beet building to be heard at the November 2023 meeting so a quorum is required.

Also, the owner of the building located at 338 South 2nd Street is interested in visiting with the Board and/or touring the building in November or at another upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.