# TOWN OF FLORENCE HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Betty Wheeler Vice-Chairman Cathy Adam Commissioner Christine Reid Commissioner Lynn Smith Commissioner Debbie Novotny Commissioner Victoria Knight Commissioner Carroll Michael



Florence Town Hall 775 N. Main Street Florence, AZ 85132 (520) 868-7575 www.florenceaz.gov Meet Last Wednesday

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:00 PM

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Town of Florence Historic District Advisory Commission and to the general public that a Historic District Advisory Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Florence Town Hall, located at 775 N. Main Street, Florence, Arizona. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

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2. ROLL CALL:	Wheeler	, Adam	, Reid	, Smith	, Novotny _	
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- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **4. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL** of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting conducted on September 25, 2019.
- 5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. PRESENTATION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL of a list of possible uses and activities in the Downtown area.
  - B. CLG Grant Update: Discussion regarding potential consultants for the preparation on new inventory documents.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: Community Survey

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#### 7. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Code Compliance Update
- **B.** Redevelopment Plan Update
- C. Future Agendas

#### 8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC/COMMISSION RESPONSE

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Historic District Advisory Commission. Individual Commission members may respond to criticisms made, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Commission shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

#### 9. CALL TO THE COMMISSION-CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

POSTED ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019 BY MARIA HERNANDEZ, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA AND AT WWW.FLORENCEAZ.GOV.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, AT 6:00 PM, AT THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**ROLL CALL** 

Present: Wheeler, Adam, Smith, Reid, Novotny, Knight, and Michael.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL** of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting conducted on August 28, 2019.

On motion by Commissioner Novotny, seconded by Commissioner Reid, and carried 7-0, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 28, 2019.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Motion to recommend approval to the Town Council regarding proposal to conduct Focus Group Interviews and a presentation to the Town Council regarding Historic Preservation potential and the Economics of Revitalization from the Arizona Rural Development Council.

Community Development Director Larry Harmer summarized the presentation and focus group proposal by Kimber Lanning. Commissioner Novotny asked if staff could contact older local business owners to participate because they have insight newer business owners do not. Staff stated they will look into it. Vice-Chair Adam asked for wording in the proposal that explained this event as an economic assessment for the current district and what can be done for the downtown. She is concerned the discussion might not focus on the economic importance of downtown revitalization. Commissioner Reid suggested the business owners pull some data from their businesses to share at the focus group. Vice-Chair Adam said input from the Bed and Breakfasts would be helpful.

On motion by Vice-Chair Adam, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and carried 7-0, to recommend approval to the Town Council regarding the proposal to conduct Focus Group Interviews and a presentation on Historic Preservation potential and the Economics of Revitalization.

B. Continue the discussion from August 28, 2019 to enhance educational opportunities for realtors and property owners to understand the issues, costs and benefits of restoring historic properties.

At the next meeting, Staff will present in a list of possible projects or goals For the HDAC to review for the downtown. The projects will range from small undertakings to possible construction projects. Staff asked the Commission for comments on the priority of the properties on the list.

Related to the CLG grant application, Mr. Harmer explained that Staff wants to inventory as many properties as possible. The Bartleson/Vasquez House is currently number one on the list. Chairman Wheeler stated the properties are outside the historic district. Mr. Harmer responded that the significant properties in the district seemed to be covered and staff recommends focusing on significant homes throughout Old Town Florence. There is always the option in the future of expanding the existing district or creating new ones. Commissioner Smith said if they stand alone and not in the district, then they have to have something special about them, and she agreed with the Bartleson house being first because there is a lot of information on the property.

They agreed there are properties outside the district, such as the Huffman House, that may go on the register because of the architecture or contributing family. Although, the Moreno family did not ask to be on national register because they did not know they could. Mr. Harmer stated he intended to let the property owners know of the inventory and what it could mean for the property, but it is up to the owner to be put on the National Register. Commissioner Smith said it is important for owners to know the benefits.

Vice-Chair Adam said it is something to take up with the property owner, but she understood the apprehension because of the increased oversight of the house's exterior. She is fine with the recommendations. Commissioner Reid explained the Celaya house is a standard Sonoran Adobe as far as placement, and the little house on North Park is historically significant architecturally and as an old store.

The Baker Garage has a lot of Florence history, and it is important to survey it as a commercial entity. Commissioner Michael asked if Staff was looking to spot zone these properties into the historical district. Mr. Harmer said there is no other ulterior motive other than to research the historical significance and inventory the property. Commissioner Novotny asked if this would make them eligible for the tax relief. Mr. Harmer said if they did any significant remodeling than they have to apply in advance. Commissioner Smith stated this only applies to the exterior of the home. Commissioner Novotny asked if having the properties inventoried is the same as having them registered. Mr. Harmer said they are two separate processes. Commissioner Reid clarified the inventory only provided research. She stated there is a lot of potential on the south side of Butte and some of the houses are very nice. This is a first step toward a long-term project of district expansion. Vice-Chair Adam asked for the Garage to be moved up on the list and Commissioner Reid agreed. Chairman Wheeler asked if anything was going on in the business. Mr. Harmer said the building appears to be mostly used for storage. The Commission and Staff discussed the garage and its possibilities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. CLG grant update and discuss potential buildings for addition to the Town's Historic Building Inventory.

The grant application was sent in, but Staff has not heard anything. Florence is not one of the high priority communities for the grant, however, Staff it is important to continue with efforts to expand the inventory of historic properties.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

#### A. Code Compliance Update

For the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, there were over 300 code enforcement cases with almost complete compliance. Forty-six cases are still pending or in the code enforcement process. One of the owners in the Downtown area is hiring contractors for their building's clean-up, and the Town is looking into clean and lien projects.

## B. Development Code Update related to HDAC

The suggestions and changes made to the Historic District portion of the Development Code have been turned over to the Town consultant and will be inserted in the text. The changes will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation prior to Town Council adoption.

## C. Redevelopment Plan Update

The Redevelopment Plan team will hold a Public Open House at the Community Center on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. An invite will go to the Chamber of Commerce. The open house will showcase possible land use plans and future ideas on landscape design.

#### D. Future Agendas

Mr. Harmer stated that Town Council has set up the fourth Monday of the month specifically for work session meetings. No future action items.

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC/COMMISSION RESPONSE

#### CALL TO THE COMMISSION-CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Vice-Chair Adam, seconded by	<b>Commissioner Nove</b>	otny, and carried
7-0, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:44 PM.		

Betty Wheeler	Date	
Chairman		



Town of Florence Community Development Department 224 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street Florence, AZ 85132

# Agenda Item 5A

**DATE:** October 30, 2019

TO: Historic District Advisory Commission

FROM: Larry Harmer

**Community Development Director** 

SUBJECT: Potential Downtown Projects

As previously discussed, staff has generated an initial list of potential projects and/or programs for HDAC review and discussion. This list is open for modification, additions and prioritization in preparation for presentation to the Town Council. It is anticipated that this would be part of a Work Session with the Council at future date. Also included, would be visit by Kimber Lanning and her staff to provide an evaluation and observations of Downtown Florence and identify potential enhancements that would assist in revitalization and stabilization of the downtown core.

#### **Downtown Projects - For Discussion**

#### **Promotion**

- Cooperative Promotions and Advertising Group
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Town of Florence
  - Pinal County Historical Society
  - Veterans Organization(s)
  - Downtown Merchants
  - High School
  - Other Organizations

#### **Requires Funding**

- Façade and Wireless Alarm Program
  - Advertise
  - Approach current property/business owners
- Create Historic Residential Exterior Rehab Program

- Enhance Streetscape with Improvements and Activities
  - Purchase "Historic Plaques"
  - Mini-Park on Main Street ... a Gathering Place
    - Agricultural Theme
    - Sitting areas for families/students
    - Ramadas/Trees for shade
    - A place to eat outdoors for food trucks, brown bags, carry-out
- Signs and Murals
  - Move forward with Wayfinding Sign Program for Downtown and Kiosk Signs elsewhere around the Town
  - Examine opportunities for Main Street Murals (North and South of Butte Avenue)

#### "Events"

- Monthly or Bi-weekly Downtown Events (not all sponsored by the Town)
  - o 35th Anniversary of "Murphy's Romance"
  - "First Friday's"
  - McFarland State Park evening lectures, tours.
  - Food Trucks/Competitions on a regular basis
    - Chili, Salsa, Desert "Cook-offs"
  - Entertainment in the Park(s)
  - Main Street ... and side-street ... Fairs
- Historic Tours
  - Costumed Docents
  - Horse-drawn Trolley (Contracted or licensed)
  - o After dark "Ghost Walking Tours"
- Visitors Center/Museum Extension
  - Small Exhibits
  - Interactive Information Kiosk
  - "Made in Florence" product sales

#### **Miscellaneous Thoughts**

- Ice Cream Shop
- Sewer grate art
- Craft fair partnership with retirement communities
- Building for high school students to establish a business (Baker building or one of the ones on Main Street)
- Volunteer clean-up program
- Micro-brewery



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# Agenda Item 5B

**DATE:** October 30, 2019

TO: Historic District Advisory Commission

FROM: Larry Harmer

**Community Development Director** 

SUBJECT: CLG Grant

The Town has been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from SHPO/CLG for Federal FY 2019-2020. The grant requires a match of \$2,000 of cash contribution by the Town, which is contained in Community Development's FY 2019-2020 budget, and in-kind services of an addition \$7,000 in staff and volunteer time. Once the grant documents are executed, staff will proceed to encumber the services of a qualified consultant to prepare the new building survey documents that have been previously discussed at HDAC.

Staff wishes to solicit input from HDAC to assist in preparing a list of recognized professionals to conduct this work. Staff will then request fee proposals from one or more suggested individuals or firms.

Attached is the list of Architects and Landscape Architects taken from the Arizona Preservation Foundation Referral Guide to assist you:

# Arizona Preservation Foundation Referral Guide

#### **Architects & Landscape Architects**

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David Wilson, AIA 646 W. Las Lomitas Tucson, AZ 85704 520-887-1446

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E Group Landscape, Architecture & Planning Jason Harrington 817 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85004 602-462-9000 Fax: 602-462-9001 www.egroupinc.com Jason@egroupinc.com

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