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Minutes for Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Virtual Meeting ID: 941 6966 6847 (Zoom.us)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Called to order at 1:32 p.m. with Jason Falsetto presiding.

Commissioners Present: *Gregory Howell, Laurel Campbell, Alyssum Skjeie, Anthony Perko, Angela Rayne (via zoom)*

Commissioners Absent: *Megan Moore*

Staff Members Present: *Wade Broadhead, Planner and Beritt Odom, Principal Planner (via zoom)*

Staff Members Absent: *Daniel Kogovsek, City Attorney*

Citizens Present: *Dianna Archuleta, Director El Pueblo Museum and Charlene Garcia-Simms, Pueblo City County Library (via zoom)*

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Campbell, vote 6-0.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

- Pueblo Hispanic Context:** Broadhead reported that the City submitted the State Historical Fund grant on time and thought it was a solid effort given the limited time. He reported that the city solicited three informal bids and they ranged from \$70,000 to \$115,000 and he discussed how the firm, Mead and Hunt, spent extra effort to zoom call with staff and Hispanic leaders in Pueblo to ascertain a fair cost for local assistance. Broadhead also reported that the City would hear from the State Historical Fund December 1, 2021.
- Hispanic Heritage Month:** Broadhead asked the Chairmen if he could combine items 1 and 3 for the purposes of discussion and the visitors' time. Mr. Broadhead stated that the City generally runs a historic preservation resolution in May to celebrate Historic Preservation Month, and that we have decided to acknowledge Hispanic

heritage Month in September by running a similar resolution. Chairman Falsetto consented. Mr. Broadhead introduced Dianne Archuleta Executive Director of the El Pueblo Museum first and she talked about what their organization is working on related to Hispanic Heritage and called attention to an event for the ballet sponsored by the Mexican Consulate in Denver that will occur on October 5th, 2021 and would like support. Mr. Broadhead then introduced Charlene Garcia-Simms from the Pueblo City County Library District via zoom. Mrs. Simms discussed how the library was celebrating Hispanic Heritage month and mentioned the efforts of Geraldo Acosta and his book. She mentioned he would give a talk in September and she would invite the HPC to attend. She also mentioned a talk on the Columbian Exchange, or what foods went to Europe and which ones incorporated in the Americas from Europe. The date of the talk has yet to be released.

Motion by Perko, second by Howell to support a resolution honoring Hispanic Heritage Month September to October 2021 to City Council via a resolution, 6-0.

3. **The Albany Building and Delisting local landmarks:** Broadhead reported on the loss of the Albany, a historic building erected in 1897 which burnt down in August. He informed the commission the owner called the City seeking help. A discussion ensued on sources of assistance and that because he was not landmarked and so he couldn't seek assistance from emergency funds from the State Historical Fund. Broadhead also discussed that there is a process in the code for the loss through fire or act of god for a local landmark.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 22, 2021 Meeting: Broadhead apologized for not getting the minutes for the July meeting out to the commissioners but that they were done. A short discussion ensued on whether minutes had to be accepted in this location on the agenda by Roberts Rules of Order. Commissioner Perko said he didn't think that was addressed in Roberts Rules of Order. Broadhead said he'd never seen them in this location.

Motion to move the minutes to the beginning of the agenda by Howell, seconded by Campbell, 6-0.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion about Opt Out Ordinance Text Amendment

Broadhead asked the commissioners what they were thinking for a text amendment and that the 180 day time frame seemed reasonable but the biggest issue remained the lack of a series of findings of fact that related to the action. Commissioner Perko reminded the group that he was not in favor of opting out

at all and that the ordinance went through numerous iterations. Broadhead said he would confer with the legal department to determine the next steps.

2. WORKSESSION:

1. Pueblo Master Plan Historic Preservation Element: Broadhead informed the commission that the City was working on a Master Plan revision, the first since 2003 and that he had requested a Historic Preservation Element in that plan. Commissioner Perko asked what the timeline was on the effort and Broadhead replied this fall to be finished early 2022.

3. Colorado building and Local Landmarks

Broadhead stated that he met with a serious investor who wanted to rehab the Colorado Building. He also suggested the HPC start looking at local landmarks again.

I. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:36; second by Skjeie; unanimously approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wade Broadhead.