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 Thursday, November 3, 2016

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING  
City Councilors Conference Room  
October November 3, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Archaeological Review Committee Hearing was called to order by David Eck, Chair, at approximately 4:30 p.m., on November 3, 2016, in the City Councilor's Conference Room, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

David Eck, Chair  
Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair  
James Edward Ivey  
Derek Pierce

**Members Resigned**

Gary Funkhouser

**Others Present**

Nicole Thomas-Ramirez, Historic Preservation Division  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

**NOTE: All items in the Committee packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith to these minutes by reference, and the original Committee packet is on file in, and may be obtained from, the City of Santa Fe Historic Preservation Division.**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Derek Pierce, to approve the Agenda, as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 6, 2016**

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2016, as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**E. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1) **CASE #AR-24-16. 700 ACEQUIA MADRE, HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. RON WINTERS, AGENT FOR CITY OF SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OWNERS, REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR A MONITORING PLAN FOR THE 600 FEET OF TRENCHING FOR ELECTRIC LINES FOR THE ACEQUIA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIGHTING PROJECT.**

**BACKGROUND & SUMMARY**

Santa Fe Public Schools proposes to install 4 parking lot lights and electric conduit to run the lights. The four light foundations will be dug to a depth of 6 feet and the trenching will be 24 inches from the finished pavement surface to the conduit. The trenching for the conduit will be approximately 600'. No width for the trench was provided. All activities will be monitored by the archaeologist as proposed in the plan.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the report and clearance of the project area of effect as the survey and report comply with 14-3.12(B)(1) Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District Reconnaissance and 14-3.12(B)(4) Utility Mains in the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review.

Chair Eck noted the Staff Report in the packet. He thanked Ms. Ramirez-Thomas, and asked if she has anything to add.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she has nothing to add.

Mr. Winters noted his son, Quinn is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at this school. He spoke with the Principal and offered that during the project if he found anything, he would bring the kids and give them some on-site education about archaeology at the City. He said the Principal thought it was fantastic, and said perhaps he could take different classes at different times.

**Tess Monahan**

Ms. Monahan said she has no comment.

**Derek Pierce**

Mr. Pierce said he has no comment.

**Jake Ivey**

Mr. Ivey said he has no comment.

**Chair Eck**

Chair Eck said he has no comment.

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, with respect to Case #AR-24-2016, 700 Acequia Madre, to approve the request of Ron Winters for approval of the Report and clearance of the project area of effect, as the survey and report comply with 14-3.12(B)(1) Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District Reconnaissance and 14-3.12(B)(4) Utility Mains in the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review, and to forward a copy of the Report and notice of this approval to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division as per NMAC 4.10.7.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. PROPOSED LEVEL 3 FIBER OPTIC PROJECT**

A copy of a Site Location map for the Santa Fe Expansion Ring, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she was unable to copy the full packet in color, but she did provide a color copy of the map [Exhibit "1"] which she distributed to the members of the Board. She said this basically is a giant fiberoptic that Level 3 wants to install in the City. She said they approached her early on, in order to get comment from ARC as to what ARC would like to see.

Chair Eck said the key thing is they would like to bore installation to the maximum extent possible.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she looked through the packet, noting they are starting at Alta Vista right by the railroad tracks, following the railway which has cleared, except on Pacheco Street, but it is in the right of way and there's no open space. She said, "Once you get in 'this area here,' there is some open space that could be trenched and monitored, and a small segment 'here' and a couple of segments 'here,' but along Rodeo Road a lot of that has already been cleared for subdivisions, office parks, the Rodeo Grounds, Genoveva Chavez Center and those kinds of things, and there really is not much open space. There are a couple of spaces 'down in here.' And then 'this' Cerrillos Road Corridor is cleared."

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas continued, saying she thinks it is reasonable to ask for trenching and monitoring in those place where earth is exposed. She said it looks like there is a bit of exposed dirt on St. Michaels, but it's also very groomed if it has some landscaping aspect to it. She was unsure whether that would a good place to trench and monitor.

*[Ms. Monahan's remarks here are inaudible because of noise overlay]*

Chair Eck said if it is manicured, maintained and in a modified planted state, it might not be an attractive place to trench. He said in glancing at the individual sheets, there were spots where it really seemed like it was taking off across a vacant lot, and that kind of situation is ideal for trenching and monitoring so we have a little bit of a look at what is going on. The other question would be to know how many hand holds, vault locations – where they actually are going to excavate holes in the ground, and what that totals.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the project engineer needs to give her that information because they just say programming, 15 feet of conduit. And they haven't yet mapped any holes that they would be digging.

Ms. Monahan said there is a vacant property where trenching seems appropriate and asked who owns the property and if we have to deal with their objections to the intrusion on their property rights.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas she also thought about that and she will discuss this with Zachary Shandler, Assistant City Attorney, to figure the right way to go. Along Botolph Road, there are some private property segments, that they will be near. She doesn't know if they literally will be in peoples' back yards, but if so, she thinks they probably would have a hard time with that. She will check with Legal to see what the protocol is.

Chair Eck asked, "To simply their own lives, wouldn't they want to stay in City right-of-way."

Ms. Ramirez -Thomas said you would think so, but she is uncertain the reason in some places they've gone across country. She said they may come back and say they want it trenched and monitored, then maybe they will adjust it to go more in the right-of-way.

Ms. Monahan said we just don't have enough information.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas agreed. She said according to the engineer, they're 98% complete with the plan, and once she gives them more feedback they may want to change it little. She said they are hoping to begin the project next year, probably February or March 2017.

Ms. Monahan commended the group for bringing this to us early.

Chair Eck said this is all outside the Historic Downtown District. He said we were introduced to this in the working group, and we had a chance to see the overall map and flip through the details. He said he encourages the members to do that as well to get a sense of how much of the plan they already have developed. He said he thinks rather 98% complete, it is about 95% complete, because you would think they would know where all the hand holds will need to be to make that possible. He said that is important. He said we could say, in general, what we feel like, and maybe say we have kind of a consensus on the level of effort. However, we really need to see the details before we can say anything for sure.

Mr. Pierce said, to give them some sense of what we might expect, he would hope that when their archaeologist comes forward to the Committee with a monitoring plan, it would include foot-by-foot from zero plus zero zero to the end, the pull pit locations.

Chair Eck said they just need to define wherever they are going to make specific excavations for purposes of installing whatever facilities they need to make this possible.

Mr. Pierce said they need to do that with the idea that we might ask them to monitor those, at least monitor where they will be trenching. And wherever they propose to do anything besides trench and monitor, we would want to know why – what is their justification whatever that might be– if a stretch is under a major thoroughfare, we just call it a public nuisance, or this stretch has been

cleared by previous survey, or this stretch has private property interests we can't violate. He said for every section there should be some explanation as to why they intend to do something other than trench or monitor.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she will call the engineer and give him the general provisions and guidelines, let him hire an archaeologist and we'll go from there. She said they then can present a monitoring plan and we can work on it prior to it coming to the ARC. Responding to Ms. Monahan, she said the company is Level 3, noting they have had several different names, but they've been Level 3 for a while. She said she did work for them in California.

Ms. Monahan said she has concerns about hiring an archaeologist from the existing list of archaeologist and getting a competent person to advise them.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she suggested that they hire a larger outfit because she thinks there will be multiple places where this is going to be happening, and that is her only concern. She said she is glad they came early as well, to be able to meet them and learn that they are interested. She said she will provide some guidance based on the discussion about the Cyber Mesa Report in March/April in regard to some of the things on that project, such as the sample size and such.

Mr. Pierce said whomever they hire has to complement the monitoring plan and part of the Final Report – what we agreed to that time, because Cyber Mesa is very similar in terms of logistics.

Chair Eck said a well written monitoring plan could state up front the conditions under which collections are made, and could control the collection size before the fact instead of after the fact. He said none of us really want to fill a museum with “redundant, really modern junk.”

Mr. Pierce, Mr. Ivey and Ms. Monahan said they agree.

Chair Eck said, “Then you're going to work with them, do a little coaching and try to get them to get qualified personnel involved fairly soon so the plan can be written, discussed and finalized.”

Ms. Ramirez Thomas said, “Correct. And that they don't get hung up at any point. I have a directive to make this as smooth as possible. And they are totally willing to do it. They're easy to talk to.”

Mr. Pierce said doing the homework up front can be a benefit, but nothing is more frustrating and more expensive than having to stop in the middle.

Chair Eck asked Ms. Ramirez-Thomas if this is enough of a consensus opinion for her to proceed, and she said yes.

#### **H. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There were no matters from the Committee.

#### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said members need to complete the Code of Ethics filing, send it to her so she can submit it to the City Clerk. She said she will send reminders to be sure that members get these in as soon as possible.

Mr. Ivey completed his form and submitted it to Ms. Ramirez-Thomas.

Mr. Pierce asked if there were any more solid leads on the 5<sup>th</sup> member.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said no.

Ms. Monahan asked if there was comment from the one person who attended the meeting and said he was interested in serving.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said he said he would love to be a member, but it means he can't do work in Santa Fe for the most part. She said he would be a good member, commenting he is enthusiastic. She will check with him again and see what he's doing and if he is getting work in Santa Fe. She said he travels a great deal, but believes he could attend a monthly meeting.

A member said it would be nice to get some younger people interested in serving on the Board.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the City Clerk is working on the reappointments. She spoke with the Clerk in October to see when they would be on the agenda. She said the Clerk said it should be soon, but that has been a month ago. She said she will check with the Clerk again.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

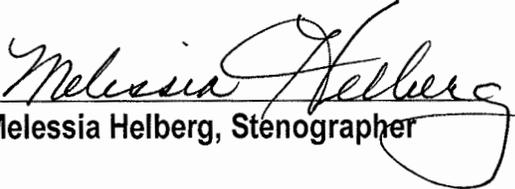
There was no further business to come before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Derek Pierce, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the Committee was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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**David Eck, Chair**

  
**Melessia Helberg, Stenographer**