



ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING

THURSDAY, March 8, 2018, at 4:30 PM

LAND USE CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY HALL - 200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING  
City Councilors Conference Room  
March 8, 2018**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Archaeological Review Committee Hearing was called to order by David Eck, Chair, at approximately 4:30 p.m., on March 8, 2018, in the City Councilors Conference Room, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

David Eck, Chair  
Derek Pierce  
Cortney Anne Wands

**Members Excused**

Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair  
James Edward Ivey

**Others Present**

Nicole Ramirez-Thomas, Historic Preservation Division – Committee liaison  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership in attendance for the conducting of official business.

**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

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the applicant in the first case is removing itself from the agenda for this evening, but will return for the next meeting. She also requested that *Item G. Discussion* be moved to be heard prior to *Item F. Action Items*, so the Committee can discuss the Dale Ball Trail with Mr. Findling.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, to approve the Agenda, as amended.

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

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 1, 2018

The following corrections were made:

Page 3, p 10, correct as follows: "Mr. Pierce asked if the Committee is willing to ~~advocate~~ abdicate to...."

Page 9, p 7, "Dr. Blinman said he ~~can't~~ can answer that."

Page 34, p 1, line 2, correct as follows: "....right-of-way is ~~buried~~ bare underground...."

Page 42, p 6, correct as follows: "Chair ~~Pierce~~ Eck...."

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2018, as amended.

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

### E. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no matters from the floor.

### G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A copy of *Identical bridge installed by City Trail Volunteers at Southridge Open Space in 2015*, submitted for the record by is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the item for discussion is the walking trail at the Dale Ball Trails – the connector trail. There was a field trip on February 16, 2018, and they want to update the Committee and generally discuss what is happening there at this point.

Robert "Bob" Findling, Nature Conservancy, said the Nature Conservancy owns 500 acres on Upper Canyon Road, which includes the former site of the two-mile reservoir and property extending up the Santa Fe River to the closed watershed, and the southern boundary of Hyde Park Estates on the Aztec Springs Creek tributary of the Santa Fe River.

Tim Rodgers, Trails Program Manager, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, said the Trust has a PSA with the City to maintain, promote, plan and build natural surface trails for the City.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said there is a site in "this" area at the parking lot, and the site is right in "here." Currently we have several trails meandering through the site. She said they discussed the changes to be made to the Trail as it goes through the site with Parks, Mr. Findling, Mr. Rodgers and Andy Otto of the Watershed Association. She said we know that it is a homestead cabin type of site, which is recorded, she believes, as LA 148062, however there is no information on it. She went to ARMS on Monday to do background research, and "there was not an inkling of information about the site."

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the next step is to get Steve Townsend out there and see if it jogs his memory enough to give her leads, and she will do some other research and figure out what is there. She said they are assuming that 148062 is our site, and they can decide how to go forward. The page before the ARMS map is the initial map which she and Paul may [inaudible] out there. It is a somewhat big at this point, and they decided that the area where the pipe lays is not part of the site [inaudible]. She intends to have a report before this Committee before the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, so they can get started with the work this Spring. The report will include the recording of the site and the general project information, as well as monitoring that they will recommend for when the fence posts are going to be dug and other things.

Mr. Findling said he brought historic images from his files, which principally are from the New Mexico museums, archives and the University of Chicago archives, which he shared with the Committee. They are from the two-mile reservoir location and show the general vicinity. Some are more recent, most are from the early 1900's. Two-mile dam was constructed in 1893-1894, and breached 100 years later. So the site was extensively impacted by first, the construction of an earthen dam adjacent to this location, and subsequently the breach of the dam once it was determined to be unsafe on or about 1994.

Mr. Findling continued, saying the property on which the connecting trail is proposed, is owned by the City, and it is basically subject to unregulated use in most respects, because of the adjoining open space parking lot. He said the Conservancy's interest, as well as the Trust's interest, is in providing people an alternate, safe, pedestrian path, so they don't have to return to the open space trailhead by walking on Cerro Gordo Road, which is now unsafe. He said people recognize that, and as a result have, by virtue of use, constructed a number of unregulated alignments which provide safe passage but may not be appropriately located. He said when the project is completed, they hope to have both a pedestrian and mountain bike trail that can be utilized by the public without impacting archaeological resources.

Mr. Findling continued, saying said he is a landscape architect, not an archaeologist, and it isn't possible for him to identify a historic structure on that particular location, although that isn't to say that didn't exist. He said they are glad to construct the trail on whatever alignment is deemed to be the most appropriate by this Committee. He appreciates the opportunity to meet with the Committee and answer any questions it might have regarding the involvement of the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Rodgers said Mr. Findling has made a good description of what they are trying to do, and he would point out that when the route people use is Cerro Gordo Road, one of the informal routes/ short cuts they have been taking is going down through a maze at two-mile dam. He said the route they are proposing also is intended to prevent the negative impact. He said when they try to create good trails that attract use, the undesirable use terminates.

Mr. Rodgers continued, saying he would add that they are planning, when the trail is complete, to put in a small wooden bridge across the outflow under the remainder of two-mile dam. He said Ms. Ramirez-Thomas asked him to provide a drawing of the bridge, and he has a schematic drawing as well as a photo of a bridge they built with volunteers [Exhibit "1"].

Mr. Findling said he will be glad to provide copies of any of the photographs the Committee would like to have.

Mr. Pierce asked if the width of the bridge reflects the width of the trail overall, which appears to be about 4 feet.

Mr. Rodgers said the bridge is a little wider, noting the trail will be a single track trail, noting typically they create about an 18 inch wide trail.

Chair Eck said he went on the field trip and thanked them for being there and pointing out everything they knew at the time. The photographs are very interesting, and he is hoping they can pull some useful information from them.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said the photographs of the stonework are great.

Mr. Findling said it pre-dates the open ditch that resulted from a flood event, noting the tunnel became clogged with sediment, and now the open ditch that runs along the dirt part of Upper Canyon Road between the Cerro Gordo intersection and the Audubon Center is what *[inaudible]*. He said a similar outlet work existed at the base of two-mile dam. The outlet also was a fabricated stone tunnel, which was removed at the time the dam was breached.

Mr. Pierce asked if they are fairly confident that the site still has integrity.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said yes.



Mr. Pierce said then he would say that having users funneled through a defined trail is preferable to having them running through "willy-nilly." He thinks they are on the right track, and it makes sense to lay out an alignment that avoids any major features.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said if the Committee would like, she can schedule another field trip at another time.

Chair Eck asked if they are on a schedule to prepare a document for this Committee to look at next month.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said yes, and if it's not complete, it will, at least, give more discussion opportunity.

Chair Eck said, "Well, with that in mind, then, you guys are turned loose."

#### **F. ACTION ITEMS**

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This item was removed from the agenda and postponed to the meeting of April 5, 2018.

2. **CASE #AR-09-2018. 924 PASEO DE PERALTA. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. RON WINTERS, AGENT FOR LOUISE FERRILL, OWNERS, REQUESTS APPROVAL OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY AND TESTING REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 0.292 ACRES.**

#### **BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:**

The applicant requests approval of an archaeological survey and testing report for 925 Paseo de Peralta. Two backhoe trenches and two test units were dug at the undeveloped/parking lot area of the property. Subsurface cultural material was found in both of the backhoe trenches but no archaeological site was recorded. No artifacts were found in the test units. The applicant is recommending clearance of the parcel.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff does not recommend approval of the application for clearance. Boundaries for archaeological sites identified in NMCRIS intersect the area of work. While these boundaries may not be accurate or complete due to general challenge of defining site boundaries in the downtown area, staff does not feel that the archaeological sites that intersect the project area were specifically addressed in the report. The applicant may provide testimony that allows the Committee to provide clearance of the property, otherwise staff recommends an addendum to the report in order to address the background research or that monitoring occur during construction.

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 and Mr. Winters had a discussion to clarify exactly what he was looking at. As we know, the boundaries in downtown Santa Fe are pretty challenging with which to contend. The expectation is that he would do a more clear job of excluding type(?) from whatever parcels we are going through if there are no questions. The other component to that is that they would like feedback on rectifying some things in ARMS if the boundaries are just much, much too big. She said at times things are mis-plotted, and she realizes the boundaries are large, but she wants some discussion about that, so we can be certain two sites which might be of concern would be excluded.

Ron Winters, Archaeologist, for John A. Padilla, owner, said he determined, in fact, that there were no sites that intersected the project area. The problem as we said, when we look at this, there are giant circles that don't affect site boundaries. He said he included the plat of the project area, noting there was a misconception that it was the whole plat you see in the first illustration, but in fact, it is early tracking of B1. He thinks this will be done in two phases. So if you look at Tract AB1, it is the parking lot on the north side of Nambe, that is the extent of the project area. He said the building where Nambe is located is historic. He said that is not what we're dealing with today. He said if it was considered that was the whole project area, then in fact 114234 is in the project boundary.

Mr. Winters continued, saying the other one about which Ms. Ramirez-Thomas had concern was LA 114265. He said in going to the site form there, "this" is the Jose Alarid house, and "this" is the last illustration. He said this is what was in the site form as the site boundary. There is an arrow showing the house with the address 1000 Paseo de Peralta or 238 East DeVargas. So "this," the 114265, is the Alarid house. There were a couple of burials down there, and he has no idea why this was depicted the way it was, but in doing his research, it is, again, south of the project area on the south side of East DeVargas. So his contention is that in fact, there were no sites within the project boundary. He is happy to provide some sort of assessment as to why he thinks that. One, that the way it is depicted on the map server is not the actual site itself. He has a project coming before this Committee next month for LA 179(?) which is a huge circle. He will do the same as he has done here. He will go to the site and see if he actually can find out what those site boundaries entail. He said it is a problem, and he hopes the Committee has a solution.

Mr. Pierce said he does have a solution, but it will be a voluntary project.

Mr. Winters agreed. He said the other issue is recording things in Map 27 and Map 83. He said he is comfortable with his original assessment that these sites were not listed in his project boundary. He said, as you saw, when he did testing he found very little. He believes part of the fact is that there is fill because of the slope – that the parking lot was filled and so it was not original in context.

Mr. Winters continued, saying he was a little alarmed at first, but understands he has to qualify it and say “even though it is depicted here the reason you don’t think it is there,” and he is happy to do that.

Mr. Pierce said, speaking as a director of ARMS, we have procedures in place for sites that appear to be in the project area which actually are not. He said they usually ask that you do a two-page update, meaning Sections 1 and 2, then just explain in a narrative which explains the reason “this isn’t where we show it to be.” He said as long as he goes to the original record, and can make a reasonable argument as to why you think it is somewhere else, probably will solve your *[inaudible]*.

Mr. Winters asked if that is now an ARMS procedure.

Mr. Pierce said it should be, but doesn’t know it has caught on, but he expects to see it again.

Mr. Winters asked Mr. Pierce, when he says a two-page form, is that like a site update.

Mr. Pierce said yes. He said Mr. Winters doesn’t have to worry about a description of the site, itself, because you probably can’t see it to do that. He said if there are new GPS coordinates, and he can definitively place it elsewhere, he can provide the new coordinates. He said in the narrative statement he can say, “I believe this site is mis-plotted, its actual location is here, and here is my evidence.” He said that’s all he needs to do. He said if Mr. Winters will do that, they will bump it to the front of the line, otherwise it will go through the normal process.

Mr. Pierce continued, saying he is painfully aware that “this” sort of map is practically useless, a great cluster *[inaudible]* and wouldn’t do anybody any good. He said they are working to fix it, but it will take some time.

Mr. Winters reiterated his reasons for his belief.

Chair Eck said in the plotted center point, it appears to be close to where the site actually is located. He said given the time frame that this was done, that “an entry and a single extra zero after the dimension would result in the discrepancy you think. I think just an extra zero. 1,000 instead of 100.”

Mr. Winters said he didn’t have an explanation that made sense.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said her concern is that boundaries are incomplete for sites downtown. So part of the concern is that there is a site map or location map to go with this, so we really don’t know a lot about what is happening in this area without it. She said the other thing is she often sees the H-Board

case in addition to what comes through for archaeology, so she knows this H-Board case includes both lots, not just one. So she has a question as to the reason only one lot is being looked at, and not the other. She said then the concern is if there is not 2,500 sq. ft. of disturbance, and these are treated separately, then there is an issue of piecemealing a project in a way that doesn't figure in the Archaeology Ordinance in the proper manner.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas continued, saying said it seems like the other lot, with the building on it would be *[inaudible]*.

### **Cortney Anne Wands**

Ms. Wands said she has questions on the test unit, and asked the reason Mr. Winters isn't excavating to the sterile state.

Mr. Winters said where those were chosen, it is not fill. There is the upper level where you have the landscaping quad, but below that it wasn't disturbed. He said the areas were chosen in those areas, rather than in the center where the trenching was done because we could go deeper.

Ms. Wands asked the reason there is nothing on the southeast toward the site boundary.

Mr. Winters said in the southeast, there is a handicapped person that lives upstairs in the Nambu Building, and there are handicapped parking spaces that can't be disturbed.

Ms. Wands said so you normally don't excavate, you just do two strata levels and then close it, and you normally don't excavate to the sterile substrata.

Mr. Winters said, "No. Beyond the surface. I did two sterile levels because I wanted that first level where I knew it was disturbed. No, I don't excavate the bedrock, no. When I don't find anything and also, given the amount of material that was found in the trenches, going much deeper, I don't think it's even worth it."

Ms. Wands how deep the artifacts were found, the few he got.

Mr. Winters said they were in the first 20-30 centimeters. He said it is hard to tell when they weren't in the features and they weren't in the trench walls, and they were found in the first pocket that came out.

### **Derek Pierce**

Mr. Pierce said he has one minor correction in the references cited. On Packet page 46, there is a reference to Cyé W. Gossett. It lists 1966 and then 1989 side by side.

## Chair Eck

Chair Eck suggested the following corrections:

1. When he looked at the ARMS map, following up on the staff report, he was struck by an alignment, which led him to looking at maps. An example is on packet page 21, Figure 4, the Plat of the City of Santa Fe Grant. He said dead center in the map, you can see Canyon Road crossing the River, and continuing on what is now Cathedral Place. There was a well traveled road leaving the Plaza area, past the Cathedral, and running across the River heading up Canyon Road. It seems to go right through the project area. He would suggest, as a potential resource of some import, that there should some discussion of that route, and any searches made to try to verify it.
2. Packet page 24, Figure 5, immediately adjacent to the arrow you have placed an illustration the site of Project A. You can see several ways that the extension of Canyon Road could have made it to Cathedral Place, it probably wasn't a straight line or even a smooth curve. However, there are two ways to get across the River there. Further, when he looked at Gilmer, Gilmer illustrates the same road and the same alignment as shown on the Plat of the Santa Fe Grant. It is a little indistinct, because that is exactly where the tape holding the two pieces of Gilmer come together. He said if you squint you can see a line that runs from what is Canyon Road now, across your parcel, to meet Cathedral Place. He said he thinks that needs some attention.
3. Packet page 25, paragraph 5, he thinks that paragraph is a lift from another report, because it is talking about places that are *south of the project area*, and all the places they're talking about are in the vicinity of the Plaza which is northwest of the project area. He thinks this is a cut and paste failure.
4. Packet page 26, paragraph 2, there is much discussion about much changes to the area of the Presidio which is even further northwest of the project area.
5. Packet page 31, in the discussion of previous research, the Table does not appear to include the site we discussed a bit ago, LA 114234, which is the closest location of a previously recorded resource to your project area and it is not in the table.
6. Regarding the ARMS data, the list of previously recorded sites and the registered properties seemed a little askew. He said it appears that the center of Mr. Winters' area of interest for searching the previously recorded sites, was somewhere near the Chapel of San Miguel, because the sites that are not included are "kind of off in a similar direction from where your project area is." So he looked at the registered properties distribution and that sort of has the same offset to the southwest of your project area, and it lands somewhere over, roughly, where the bus shelter is southwest of what was known as the PERA Building. He thanked him for trying to include sites within 500 meters, "but I think it bit you again, because it doesn't quite line up."

Mr. Winters said he didn't take this from anywhere else. This was done based on this project area alone and not taken from somewhere else. He doesn't know if it was the point he began with, but he can't just can't explain that.

Chair Eck said he isn't asking him to explain it, he is just pointing out that there is some discrepancy, and he might want to devote some attention to that.

8. Packet page 35, regarding *The Project Area's Historic Context*, of report, he agrees that it is often hard to find things at Santa Fe County, but he thinks "this is the shortest reference to an historic context we've seen."

Mr. Winters agreed, but he talked with the staff there, did his own search, and there was no title information, and he can report only what he finds.

Chair Eck said he wishes they had a better way of retrieving information. He said sometimes it's almost relying on your luck, and you find a thread, and other times you can't find it. So, that is a difficulty.

Chair Eck said with all of his discussion of the road alignment, and Mr. Winters' observation of the added fill to the parcel, he suspects that any evidence associated with that road lies somewhat below the bottom of the backhoe trenches you excavated, and sounds like fill from somewhere else. He said he thinks any evidence of historic archaeology, at least in this area, lies somewhat more deeply buried than the bottoms of Mr. Winters' investigation units. While nobody wants to be in the bottom of a 2.5 meter deep trench, it is still possible to excavate those trenches and peer at them from the edge.

Mr. Winters said that entails *[inaudible]* the trenches.

Chair Eck said not if you're not getting into it. You can dig as deep as you want as long as you don't get into it.

Mr. Winters said he wouldn't feel comfortable with peering over the edge and then making that *[inaudible]*.

Chair Eck said the situation is all about context. As long as the construction is going to entail penetrating no deeper than 1.4 meters below the current surface, we probably can be fairly sure there is no archaeology that would be impacted by the construction. However, if anyone digs footage, foundations, basements or whatever below that, it seems as if we do have a chance of fill encountering something, potentially *in situ*, below the imported fill in association with the historic road alignment. Therefore, he wonders if a component of monitoring would be a good recommendation, during construction at the time of any excavations for utilities, foundations, or whatever, that some monitoring happens. He is suggesting this, not saying that you have to do it. It is up to the Committee and the City as to what you need to do ultimately.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, with respect to Case AR-09-2018, 924 Paseo de Peralta, in the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District, to give conditional approval of an Archaeological Inventory and Testing Report for development of 0.292 acres, with a stipulation that monitoring take place for any ground disturbing activity that is expected to reach a depth of more than 1 meter.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Winters said all he had was the proponent's..... to be able to draft that.

Mr. Pierce asked, "When it is the proponent's preference to review the trenches before all of this even begins, can we consider that, give them the option."

Chair Eck said yes, noting that is a consensus kind of question, "but, yes, I think so."

Mr. Winters noted one of the trenches had 3 utility lines in *[inaudible]* about one and one-half feet, the east trench.

Chair Eck said choosing the locations will be tricky.

Mr. Winters said, "Actually, not to say that they don't lie in the west trench, maybe we just didn't find them, because of the way they are running, they run perpendicular to the trench."

Chair Eck asked if the people at One-Call alerted him to the presence of these things.

Mr. Winters said no, he found unmarked utilities.

Chair Eck said that is a hazard to all of our efforts.

**CLARIFICATION OF MOTION:** Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said, "So the motion is to require monitoring during construction when there is more than 1 meter of disturbance, or the trenches can be re-excavated. Is that the..." Ms. Helberg said there was nothing in the motion about re-excavating the trenches, and that would have to be an amendment to the motion. She asked Mr. Pierce if he would like to restate his motion. Mr. Pierce said yes.

Mr. Pierce asked if they decide to re-excavate the existing trenches, is the Committee comfortable with having the City determine administratively whether the report is inadequate/adequate. It was the consensus among the Committee that they are comfortable with that.

**RESTATED MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, with respect to Case AR-09-2018, 924 Paseo de Peralta, in the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District, "to conditionally approve Case #AR-09-2018, with the stipulation that there will be, either monitoring of any ground disturbance which will exceed 1 meter in depth take place, or that the Archaeologist reopen existing trenches and excavate to sterile subsoil, and produce an Addendum Report to be reviewed by City staff.

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

3. **CASE #AR-10-2018. GRIFFIN STREET AND CATRON STREET. OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES, AGENT FOR COMCAST, OWNER, REQUESTS APPROVAL OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING PLAN FOR 130 LINEAR FEET OF TRENCHING AND VAULTS FOR INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE.**

**BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:**

The applicant proposes to install 130 feet of conduit at the southwest of Griffin and Catron streets. The conduit will be placed under the sidewalk and pavement, and the utility line will be trenched. The trench will be 18 inches wide and 36 inches deep. A 24" x 24" x 36" vault will be placed at the utility pole at the southwest corner of the intersection.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the monitoring plan as it complies with the requirements of 14-3.13(B)(4)(a) Archaeological Clearance Permits, Applicability, Utility Mains and 14-3.13(C)(4)(d) Archaeological Clearance Permits, Procedures for the Historic Downtown District, Treatment.

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 had nothing to add.

Dr. Blinman said he had nothing to add.

**Cortney Anne Wands**

Ms. Wands said on Report page 28, line 2, it asks for State authority for Catron Street, and then on Report Page 29, p5, you changed the spelling of Griffin Street to Griffen Street, and that needs to be changed.

Dr. Blinman said he will do so.

**Derek Pierce**

Mr. Pierce said on Report page 29, p3, line 4, "yield" should be "yielded."

**Chair Eck**

Chair Eck said he has no comment.



**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, with respect to Case #AR-10-18, Griffin Street and Catron Street, to approve the Archaeological Monitoring Plan for the proposed 130 linear feet of trenching and vaults for installation of fiber optic cable, as requested by the Office of Archaeological Studies, agent for Comcast, with the aforementioned corrections, finding it complies with the requirements of 14-3.13(B)(4)(a) Archaeological Clearance Permits, Applicability, Utility Mains and 14-3.13(C)(4)(d) Archaeological Clearance Permits, Procedures for the Historic Downtown District, Treatment, and to forward a copy of the report and notice of this approval to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, as per NMAC 4.10.17.

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

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

Dr. Blinman brought chunks of material that were retrieved from the fill of the well at the Shonnard House. He said below them was a Rainbow Bread wrapper. He said this represents demolition debris of some interesting installations that Eugenie Shonnard created. He said the best he can tell, is it was the neatest thing on the block when it happened. He thinks Ms. Shonnard decided to try her hand at making Portland cement. The only problem was that she didn't understand that the firing temperature of normal building bricks is far below the temperature needed to roast limestone for cement. So when she created her charge for her red brick furnace it melted the entire furnace. He said you can see the bricks and what happened. He has only time he has seen this has been in major structure fires. He said this is discrete, noting someone took a sledge hammer to whatever this was, and broke it into pieces that could be carried by hand and then dumped in the well. He said the contents glued together by melted brick looked as if they contained coal, shale. He said this is basically homemade basalt. He said they probably will get 1,000 lbs of it within a week's excavation from the well. He said it would have been molten, but probably wouldn't have had flame height. Dr. Blinman said they haven't figured out where it was located originally.

Dr. Blinman continued, saying said they have searched, in vain, with the X-Model of privy locations, and the privy isn't there, but thinks they have figured-out why. It is that the strip of property to the back was not added until, it appears, around 1909, so the original house would not have had access to the back area for a privy. He interviewed the woman next door who told them when they decommissioned their privy and went onto the sewer, they planted a fruit tree in the privy. He suspects strongly that the large fruit tree is there. He said one fruit tree will come down in construction. They tried to auger underneath that one, but they couldn't get through the root system. He said when the tree comes down, they will look for the privy.

Dr. Blinman said they are wrapping-up the last of the historic research and the artifact analysis from executing treatments to resolve the unresolved issues from the reconnaissance. He asked, "May I, as a matter of form, produce a Preliminary Report for review, if it satisfies City staff, can then allow the issuance of the permit. I am going to recommend monitoring as part of it, just because of the still missing privy, and because our best hope of finding where this was is when the contractor has removed all of the elms on the property and they start to really scrape through." He said he may be able to generate the report for the next meeting, but it will be only preliminary.

Chair Eck said it is up to Dr. Blinman if he wants to try to meet the deadline, or commit the City to duplicating whatever for packets. He said he is fine without it unless Dr. Blinman really wants to do it and you think it won't break the budget.

Dr. Blinman said if the Committee is comfortable with City approval of the preliminary report, he will save time and money.

Chair Eck said the Committee previously had expressed the willingness to stick with that.

Dr. Blinman said he just wants to confirm that.

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

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said regarding the Conterra project, there are some significant challenges in helping Conterra to understand when trenching is okay and when boring is okay. She and their archaeologist have attempted to help them, but haven't been able to do so. She asked if there is further direction this Committee could give them so they can help Conterra get its project going, because it seems to be about archaeology to them.

Chair Eck said the offer we made last time, was for them to submit a plan with key information – start here, end there and we know we are going to have to a handhold or an area of X number of feet – if we could see that and come to some greater understanding and what would be an acceptable sample in lieu of trenching – or an actual plan, not a line on a map saying “we will start here and end there.”

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said that is what the Committee said, and she will reiterate it to them, and she won't bring anything that doesn't indicate the location of handholds, vaults and other things. She said their desire is to do 600 feet between vaults.

Mr. Pierce said that is a long way.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas agreed. She said the question is what would be an acceptable distance between those two spots, or an acceptable distance between the vaults. She said part of the challenge here is that they don't seem to be familiar with the vocabulary associated with fiber optic trenching.

Mr. Pierce said a vault is very different from a pothole. He noticed in their first attempt, they called everything a pothole, and his understanding from previous cases like this is that the pothole is not monitorable. This is a key distinction we would want to see in whatever they bring forward.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she will meet with them tomorrow. She said there are several challenges, “and that one of them is that.” She said often what happens downtown is you have trenching, you have a vault and then potholing that occurs in relationship to the line that is *[inaudible]* boring. She said monitoring of the bore holes often includes looking at what comes out of the slush.

Dr. Blinman said there is nothing that comes out of a bore that is useful, except the bore pit, where they will do a shallow and often sloped entry into the bore location. He said he thinks the only thing you can do is treat vaults as if they were going to be test pits and recommend using their judgment for frequency – vaults of at least this size must be excavated at least at these intervals along the bore, and please give us a map of where you intend to built these vaults.

Mr. Pierce asked, from an engineering standpoint, if that is feasible, because you can't bore around a curve, and asked where they expect to find 600 fee of straight line.

Dr. Blinman said they can bore a radius of approximately 15 feet, because they are constantly undulating, so he thinks they can do that.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said then it has to be closer than 600 feet.

Mr. Pierce said ideally it would be 100 feet.

Chair Eck said we mentioned 100 feet last time, and that didn't sit well, because that would be 140 test pits to do the full 14,000 and some feet being discussed.

Responding to Dr. Blinman, Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said it is going all over the City – on Coronado, Camino de Cruz Blanca, on Siringo by the High School and what used to be De Vargas, another section out by Capital High.

Dr. Blinman said, "If I were their archaeologist, I would say no way is ARC going to approve this scale of project. Let me sit down with your engineer and let's define the logical places at which you are going to need bore pit access, vault access, and your paths, because some of those areas are going to be more sensitive than others. And if the archaeologist can guide the engineer in presenting you with a plan, it will save a tremendous amount of back and forth."

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said part of the challenge is that they didn't hire an engineer initially. They now have an engineer to draw the lines they already had on the new map and that is as far as we have been able to get with them. She doesn't know how to get past the hurdle in terms of communication. She has shown them an example. The client is Conterra and Adam Okun is the archaeologist. The other contractor is Kelly Cable.

Dr. Blinman said Kelly Cable really should know.

Ms. Ramirez-Thomas said she is unsure where the inability to communicate is.

Mr. Pierce said it would help tremendously if they could get the engineer to do stationing, so we can guide them. Without this reference he has no idea where they are doing things.

Chair Eck agreed, saying it is a completely different universe.

Dr. Blinman asked if Mr. Okun has had a chance to work with the engineer, which might be a better line of communication.

Mr. Pierce said it would help if they would consider dividing the project into more manageable chunks. He said his opinion is that the case they were going to present tonight, probably would have passed.


Ms. Ramirez-Thomas agreed, saying they then suddenly said they don't want to do all of the trenching, they want to do boring. She said she will work with them at whatever pace they can manage.

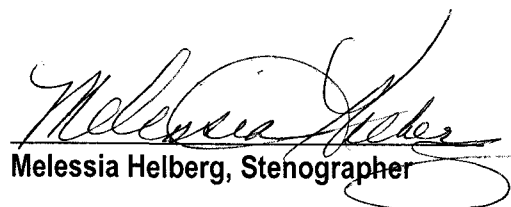
#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Cortney Wands, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the Committee was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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David Eck, Chair

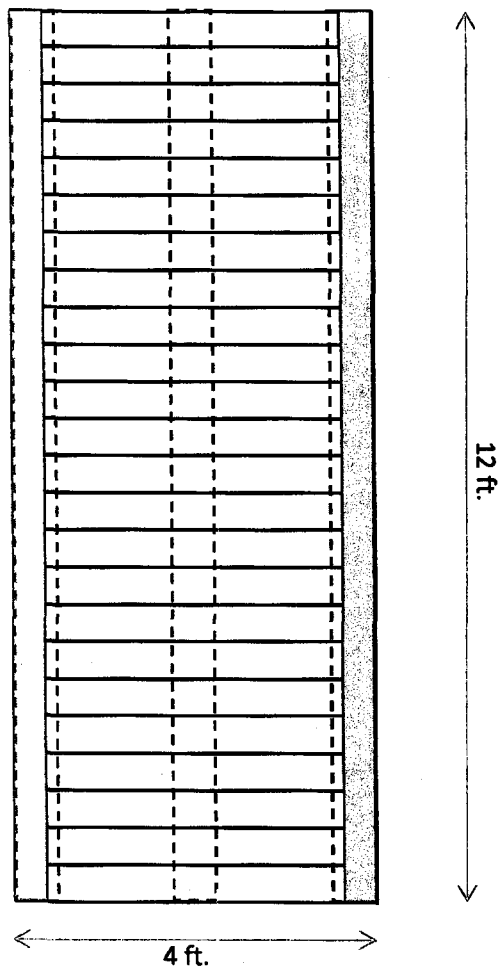
  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

Identical bridge installed by City Trail Volunteers at Southridge Open Space in 2015



*Exhibit "1"*

Aerial View of Proposed Bridge Construction near Cerro Gordo Trailhead



Cross-Section of Proposed Bridge Construction near Cerro Gordo Trailhead

