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ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING

THURSDAY, March 15, 2012 – 4:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY HALL, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE

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B. ROLL CALL

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 1, 2012

E. ACTIONS ITEMS

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
City Councilors Conference Room
March 15, 2012**

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Archaeological Review Committee was called to order by Jeremy Kulisheck, Chair, at approximately 4:30 p.m., on March 15, 2012, in the City Councilors Conference Room, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Jeremy Kulisheck, Chair
Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair
Gary Funkhouser
James Edward Ivey
David Eck

Others Present

John Murphey, Land Use Department
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 Historic Division.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Murphey said there are no minutes for approval, and asked that approval of the minutes be deferred to the meeting of April 5, 2012.

MOTION: Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 1, 2012, AND MARCH 15, 2012

This item is postponed to the meeting of April 5, 2012.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. **CASE #AR-06-12. APPROVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY COVERING 10.3 ACRES FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT MONICA LUCERO PARK, LOCATED WITHIN THE SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY STEPHEN S. POST FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CITY OF SANTA FE.**

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY: At the request of the Public Works Department, City of Santa Fe, Stephen S. Post conducted an archaeological survey of approximately 10.3 acres at Monica Lucero, located within the Suburban Archaeological Review District. The park is a multi-use recreation area serving the Vista de Sol (Bellamah) Subdivision. The Arroyo de los Chamisos borders a portion of the park. Proposed improvements include an upgrade of irrigation system, construction of concrete and asphalt pathways, installation of play equipment, park furniture and other changes. The survey, conducted from February 22 to 29, 2012, identified four isolated occurrences in an undeveloped portion of the park. The findings are presented in the accompanying report, "An Archaeological Study of 10.3 Acres for the Monica Lucero Park Located at 2356 Avenida de las Campanas, Santa Fe, New Mexico" [Post, Stephen S., February 28, 2012]. This report satisfies a stipulation in the ordinance that requires a clearance for City of Santa Fe park projects over one acre in size (14-3.13(B)(3)(c)).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the report, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3), and the requirements of Archaeological Clearance Permits for City-sponsored projects (14-3., 13(B)(3)(c), and forwarding this recommendation to New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, as per NMAC 4.10.15.

Remarks by Stephen S. Post

Stephen Post said the 10.3 acres is an interesting project because it is at opposite ends of the spectrum in terms of land use, meaning it has portions which are developed and portions which are not, and it is almost equally divided between the two. It is a neighborhood park in a heavily

populated residential area. He said he envisioned looking at the developed portion for the planned improvements to be installed or constructed. He said the area that will be modified is 4.3 acres, leaving 6 acres undeveloped. He said he wants to prepare an inventory on developed and undeveloped property, noting the undeveloped portion is where he might find cultural resources bearing on past land use.

Mr. Post said the property is located along the Arroyo de los Chamisos, and this particular park area has a fairly tremendous land use history for an innocuous parcel. He said, given the title records and warranty deeds, he felt there was a good record as to how the small parcels came to be combined into one parcel through multiple transactions.

Mr. Post said the archaeological findings don't conflict with the land use along that portion of the Arroyo, which basically identifies a few sites and a few IO's with low level site density. He said this is a reasonable expectation for terraces above the Arroyo de Chamisos and the ancient flood plain.

Mr. Post said the isolated occurrences were a few simple cans, noting these were problematic in dating and determining the age of the artifact. He said the cans were definitely 50 years old, because they were not pop top cans. He said we probably are looking at something which is more than 50 years old and predated the construction of the Pueblo de Sol residential development. He said these IO's complied with the age requirement for the State and the City ordinance. He said, in of themselves, they are not significant and recording would be sufficient to take care of the data potential, and the reason he recommended no further work. He requested approval of the report.

Remarks by the Board

Tess Monahan

Tess Monahan said she enjoyed the archival study of the land grants and titles, noting she rarely sees any of the effects of land grant history and the loss of records, and what it actually means.

Gary Funkhouser

Gary Funkhouser had no remarks.

David Eck

David Eck had no remarks.

Jake Ivey

Jake Ivey had no remarks.

Chair Kulisheck

Chair Kulisheck said he has no comment on the report, but he has questions.

Responding to a question from the Chair, Mr. Post said the undeveloped portion of the subject property is more terrace than flood plain.

Chair Kulisheck said the Arroyo de las Chamisos is very active, noting there are places on the trail where it is starting to carve out pieces above Monica Lucero. He said this makes him wonder if the flood plain is sufficiently active that we aren't going to see a lot of long term separation on it. He said this is true along the River where the sites are on the terraces and you will find stuff on the flood plain because it's not been active enough to scour it away.

Mr. Post said there is more variability along the Santa Fe River, and the archaeology shows that the ancient flood plain was inhabited at times, especially in the 13th and 14th centuries and perhaps a little later. However, along the Arroyo de los Chamisos, there have been very few field houses identified except for one or two in the Tierra Contenta area. Those were glaze ware field houses, so we are looking at Classic Period and the land use pattern, at least in terms of what it preserves.

Mr. Post said south of the Arroyo de los Chamisos and Rancho Viejo and the Arroyo Hondo area, once you get downstream from the Arroyo Hondo proper, in the open lands between Arroyo Hondo and La Cieneguilla Pueblo, he has seen field houses set back from the Arroyo Hondo flood plain, but taking advantage of potential dry farming opportunities. He said those field houses typically date to the Classic Period in a place suggesting some kind of extension or expansion of the land use pattern upstream from Cieneguilla, rather than downstream from Arroyo Hondo, although these sites probably post-date most of the Arroyo Hondo land use.

Mr. Post said, in the Arroyo de los Chamisos, in the ancient flood plain where it's not dissected, typically we might see roads such as we found further downstream in the Pavilion project area. He said having looked at the block and linear parcels along the Arroyo de la Chamisos, and the many flood reports, especially in Nava Adé and the larger areas such as Las Soleras, where you see hundreds of acres of the rolling juniper grasslands spreading from the Arroyo de la Chamisos, and seeing one or two sites and thinking "no way, it had to have missed something." However, after spending more time in those areas he recognized they do have a low site density, so there could be preservation, but he believes it was used in such a way as to be very ephemeral.

Chair Kulisheck said he wonders if there is something about the hydrology of that particular Arroyo that makes it not particularly attractive, the way it is carrying water, to make it amenable to farming. He said there is one spring along the Arroyo, just east of Yucca, that doesn't produce a lot of moisture these days. He said other than that, there isn't any water along the Arroyo, and wonders if the way the water flows down that Arroyo – if the velocity is too high or it is sinking too quickly – makes it less attractive. He said there is settlement along the Arroyo Hondo and the Santa Fe River.

Mr. Post said in the Archaic Period, the Santa Fe River tributaries that cut through the piedmont are jammed with sites, between 7,000 and 1,000 years ago. He thinks there are a lot of landscape factors, besides the tributaries, that contribute to that pattern. He thinks there is also a little bit shorter run and more potential for near surface water that could be accessed by digging walk-in wells, or be obtained through low subsurface digging. He said he thinks the water gets lost when it's not just raging because the Arroyo de los Chamisos is a much longer stretch – the water gets lost before it can be utilized.

Mr. Post said we may never know more in this regard because of the residential development.

MOTION: Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, with respect to Case #AR-06-12, to approve the archaeological study covering 10.3 acres for proposed improvements at Monica Lucero Park, located within the Suburban Archaeological Review District, requested by Stephen S. Post for the Public Works Department, City of Santa Fe.

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

Chair Kulisheck asked Mr. Post to provide the City with a final copy of the Report if there are recommended changes by the State.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Murphey said he has nothing to report.

Chair Kulisheck said he received a call on Tuesday from Laurel Wallace of the Highway Department regarding a Park and Ride stop they want to put at the PERA building. He said Ms. Wallace indicated she had notified Mr. Murphey of this potential undertaking.

Mr. Murphey said she did notify him, and he provided her with some maps, noting he told her he thought the bigger issue would be the design of the shelter. He said they talked a little bit about going to the H-Board under HB-360. He said, although it is a State project, it should have a courtesy review by this Committee. He advised Ms. Wallace, regarding archaeology, to assemble what she was going to take to the State and bring it to us.

Chair Kulisheck said he advised Ms. Wallace to follow Mr. Murphey's guidance, and, if for some reason, she felt his guidance was unreasonable, she could then come to the Committee. He told Ms. Wallace he would be deferring to Mr. Murphy's guidance. He said he wants to discourage applicants from feeling they need to contact the Committee Chair personally, commenting it is Mr. Murphey's job to deal with these kinds of things, and if there is an issue, it should come to the Committee to resolve that issue. He said perhaps there was frustration on the part of the applicant, particularly DOT, that they weren't getting the level of service they wanted, and so they would come to the Chair.

Mr. Murphey said he believes, from Ms. Wallace's response, that he gave her satisfactory guidance and she will be returning to us with the program information.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

H. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Chair Kulisheck said he will be resigning from this Committee. He has accepted a job with the Cibola National Forest, beginning on May 7, 2012, so his last meeting will be on April 19, 2012. He said he will be moving to Albuquerque.

Ms. Monahan said, "You will be sorely missed. I have appreciated your direction, your strength and you interpreting the ordinance and the integration of the experience you have with the State and federal level. That's not something everyone can do, and to express it so clearly."

Chair Kulisheck said he will miss being on the Committee, noting he has served for four years which has been great, and he has enjoyed that opportunity.

Ms. Helberg said the Chair has taught her a lot about archaeology, how to spell words, and she has enjoyed working with him as the Committee Stenographer very much.

Chair Kulisheck said he appreciates all Ms. Helberg has shared and taught him about Robert's Rules of Order and how to conduct a meeting.

I. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

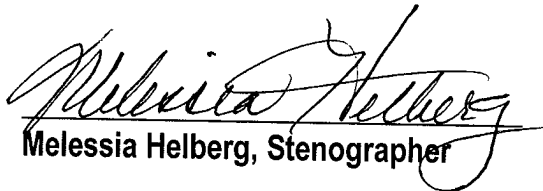
There was no business from the floor.

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Jeremy Kulisheck, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer