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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013 – 4:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CITY HALL, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE**

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  - 2. Case#AR-09-13. Consideration of a reconnaissance report covering approximately 2.8 linear miles of anticipated ground disturbance for a proposed combination lane expansion and water line project along Old Santa Fe Trail and El Gancho Way, located within the River and Trails Archaeological Review District. The request is made by Marron and Associates, for the Santa Fe County Public Works Department.
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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING  
City Councilors Conference Room  
May 2, 2013**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Archaeological Review Committee Hearing was called to order by David Eck, Chair, at approximately 4:30 p.m., on May 2, 2013, in the City Councilors Conference Room, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

David Eck, Chair  
Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair  
Derek Pierce

**Members Excused**

Gary Funkhouser  
James Edward Ivey

**Others Present**

John Murphey, 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 Historic 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. ACTION ITEMS

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1. **CASE #AR-08-13. CONSIDERATION OF A RENAISSANCE AND TESTING REPORT, COVERING APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES, AT 11:50 CANYON ROAD, LOCATED WITHIN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY JENKINS/GAVIN DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR THE OWNER.**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the survey and testing report, pending identified revisions, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3) 3.13(B)(1)(a) and C(3)(a)(iii), and further recommends forwarding this approval to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, as per NMAC 4.10.17.

Chair Eck noted there is a Staff report in the packet, and asked if Mr. Murphy has anything to add to it, and Mr. Murphey said no.

Chair Eck said on page 1, paragraph 1, of the staff report it says, "The school.... was recently sold by the school district to a private owner."

Mr. Murphey said he understands the sale has cleared.

Mr. Winters said it hadn't when he did the Report and was still owned by the School, and had not changed hands officially.

Ron Winters said, "Mr. Murphey was able to do a site ~~phase~~ when I was doing the testing phase, and noticed, as I did, that the trenches were some of the cleanest we've seen. There was very little evidence of cultural material, part of which has to do the fact that, especially in the northeast corner, as raised as it is above the present ground surface that there was probably a lot of cut and fill, as mentioned in the report. The artifacts I did find were associated with the construction and the addition of the school. It was fun to go to the Center for Southwest Research to see Meem's original correspondence and such related to the construction of the school."

Winters

drawings

**Tess Monahan**

Ms. Monahan said Manderfield is dear to her because her children went to school in that building, and it is amazing that Mr. Winters found so little. She said she was glad to see the ink bottle, a marble and a bead.

Ms. Monahan had one typographical correction, line 3, paragraph 5 of the Abstract, "bares" should be "bears."

## Derek Pierce

Mr. Pierce asked what is the nature of the improvements.

Mr. Winters said he was in the dark about that, commenting that he had little contact with the potential owner, although he met her briefly. He said most of his work was directly with JenkinsGavin. He said he heard different stories – it would continue as private school and that there would be development of residences. However, he never heard conclusively. He said, "As I recommended and I'm sure the H-Board will keep them.... the integrity of original school will have to be maintained. So, in that regard, I wasn't concerned. I'm not being evasive, but I didn't get exactly how they intend to use it."

Mr. Pierce said, "The only reason I ask is that I wonder sometimes, and this is an issue that maybe we can consider as we revise the guidelines, if that all that trenching doesn't do more harm than the development that it is meant to clear. If they were just putting in a sprinkler system, let's say, or something very limited, you are doing more trenching than they are."

Mr. Winters said, "Yes, exactly. It was pretty extensive as you see from the layout, because I covered it from front to back and north to south. And one of the things I do with my backhoe operators, is we over-hoe and compact all the soils. You can go by projects like on McKenzie, I've been by there, and you don't see that it was disturbed. And it is kind of that with this one too. Obviously, there's some disturbance, but I understand completely your concern."

Mr. Murphy said there will be development, so I think that's the reason they are clearing the whole lot.

Mr. Winters said, "It should be made clear to potential clients or applicants that it's not just the area of the 2% that is being disturbed, but that it has to be 2% of the whole lot. Recently they said, ~~well~~ we're <sup>all</sup> going to disturb is 3,000 feet. And I said, well it doesn't matter, you still have to test accordingly to the increase of the whole lot. And I think that's something that these guys.. we certainly have to them know when they come to apply."

Mr. Pierce said there was not much in trenches, and there was nothing in the Archival Research that suggest that there had been early development there before the schools, so it was open fields.

Mr. Winters said yes.

Mr. Piece said the selection for the location of the two test units seemed to be pretty far out on the periphery of the parcel, and asked the reason he chose those locations.

Mr. Winters said, "It was only to get spots where I hadn't done something. One of the things, too, I was going to mention, is I use an aerial, because sometimes on a plat you don't really get to see what's actually there. Things don't show up. That front corner, the northeast corner, I couldn't get in there with a backhoe, and it was relatively undisturbed, that was the reason for that one. The other, the southwest corner, basically that was kind of a gap between the trenches in the driveway and then around the back.

So basically to get the maximum amount of coverage. And sometimes, like this project I'm working on right now, you are limited because of a buried utility. And I'll make that point when I come before you again on this project. You'll see this gap in the front, and it's like why didn't you do it. Well because when they call 811 and they mark it, if there are buried utilities, I'll put a hand unit there, but I won't do a backhoe trench."

Mr. Pierce said, "This is a comment more for the Committee than for you Ron, but as we look at the regulations again, it seems to me the best practice is to do the test units first, because it's much easier to stop a test unit before it does damage, than to do a trench. But I get the impression that often it's done the other way around. The trenches are done first, and the test units are done as an afterthought, just to comply with the regulations. I'm not fond of that as a procedure, but it's something to consider."

Chair Eck said it's a general thing that we've been finding for the last six months. There is a basic disconnect between trying to identify and then appropriately deal with preserve and protect cultural resources when you beat them to death with a backhoe first. So that might be something else for the revamped Code.,

Mr. Winters said if there the potential, to find something, discovery in a 1 x 1 is less invasive.

Mr. Pierce said the most glaring example is what if you discover human remains in the 1 x 1, you're not going to destroy them. Whereas finding them in the back dirt of the trench is a whole other story.

Mr. Winters said, "Part of it Derek, I have to say, is why we monitor the backhoe trenches. I'm always right there watching every bucket of dirt come out. If I'm finding a marble or a the bead and stuff like that, not that you can't miss stuff, but David will tell you too. If you're monitoring closely, you've got good eyes on what's coming out of the ground. And I always check the sidewalls, back dirt, everything."

Mr. Pierce said it was a general comment and had nothing to do with Mr. Winters personally.

Mr. Winters said, "But no, I understand. It makes sense."

Chair Eck said he is trying to think of an order of appropriate action, and it might be perceived ultimately as capricious, but if it is at least well thought out and everybody does it, it won't be arbitrary.

Mr. Winters said, "It wouldn't be a big deal, just as a requirement, that the hand units are dug first. And maybe the thing is, if you do find something noteworthy that you expand the hand unit. Not just doing it as you said, as a cursory compliance issue. Okay, I've got to dig 18 sq. ft. of hand units."

Mr. Pierce said he would never suggest that we require them to do the test units and then come back to us for approval to do trenching. That's not what he's after, but just doing the test units first and using the field archaeologist's best judgment on whether or not to continue is probably something to consider.

Mr. Pierce said he appreciate the reproductions of Meem's drawings, and wishes the copy quality was better.

Mr. Winters will be happy to get another copy for the Committee. He said some of them were on oilskin, and that is the reason they are so dark. He said, "They were dark when we copied them. However, if you want, I will get you a set, but mine is probably a little more visible. Any body that wants, I'm happy to do that."

Mr. Pierce said he works at ARMS, so he'll see it eventually.

### **Chair Eck**

Chair Eck offered corrections as follows:

Page 1 of the abstract, Paragraph 3, line 3, correct as follows: "... two ~~one-by-one meter~~ one-by-one-meter hand units. Correct wherever it is found in the Report.

Page 21, Table 1, first two lines, there are two references to C. Snow, both in 1990, and in the references cited, there is an A and a B, and he doesn't know "which one is which." The first one should be 1990-A and the second will be 1990-B. [Mr. Winters said he noted that when he was doing the references, but he didn't go back to the Table to correct it there.]

Page 23, Table 2, line referring to LA147244. That is a portion of the Acequia de la Muralla, referred to earlier in the table.

[Mr. Winters said that wasn't identified in the field he searched on] Chair Eck said he knows this because he stood in it, mapped it, drew it and recorded it. Which then leads to noting that that site appeared in ARMS, but the survey that generated that site does not appear on the map server. Mr. Pierce suggested there may not have been sufficient graphics to do it. Chair Eck said he created the graphics, and if Mr. Winters can't find anything, he can help him. But that led to him not having a reference in the Summary of Previous Research.

Mr. Winters asked the Chair if he knows the NMCRIS number, and the Chair said no. Mr. Winters said if he would let him know, he can add it in. Chair Eck said he will if he wishes, and Mr. Winters said yes.

Page 25, Paragraph 4, line 2, correct as follows: "...Santa Fe ~~Grammar~~ Grammar School..."

Page 26, paragraph 4, line 2, delete the comma after "PTA".

Page 28, paragraph 4, line 2, delete the comma after "Colby's".

Page 30, paragraph 3, under Methodology actually seems to be Results, so the paragraph should be moved.



Page 33, paragraph 4, line 3, says, "Stratum B is a silty, sandy, gravelly loam." Chair Eck asked if it is possible to have a silty, sandy, gravelly loam. Mr. Winters said he believes you could have all of these components – silt, sand, gravel. Chair Eck said it just "threw me, and don't worry about it."

Page 36, paragraph 7, line 6, delete the comma between "all" and "handmade".

Page 39, paragraph 2, correct as follows: "...area ~~bare~~ bears no..."

Chair Eck said in the discussion of the historic context, "I may be led astray by what seems to practice. In the Down Historic District, typically I see the discussion of the historic context, the Santa Fe Land Grant of historic neighborhoods, and the ownership history of a parcel, to be mostly a product of someone who is listed on the City's list of Historian or Historic Archaeologist, and in this case, it's you, but you're not listed as a Historian or Archaeologist." Chair Eck said he isn't worried about it, but it does seem to be an uneven situation.

Mr. Winters asked if that is a requirement.

Chair Eck said he is under the impression it was.

Mr. Winters said then everyone who comes to you has both a Historian and an....

Chair Eck said, "In the downtown districts, I, at least have always made it a practice to have a historian involved in my search of the previous use of the parcel. All the archival stuff."

Ms. Helberg asked, for clarification, if the Chair is saying this is a requirement just for the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District.

Chair Eck said, "Well, actually I got started looking at this, because I realized what I observed as pattern may not be reality. And when I look at the old Ordinance references in that handbook, that unfortunate handbook that makes references to the Ordinances by their old numbers, and the language is different. It seems pretty clear that they intend for that research to be done by a Historian both in the Downtown and River and Trails Review District. It lacks that verbiage when you get to the Suburban Review District. In the new version of the Ordinances, which I understood to be mostly a reformatting and renumbering as opposed to substantive changes which was done in 2001, is less clear. You still can read it that way, but maybe we shouldn't."

Mr. Murphey said, "If I may interject. First off, the handbook is supposed to be totally disregarded, so don't base anything off of that. This is what I understand to be the practice for the Downtown. If there is a separate needed contribution for historical context that is required for that piece of archaeology, it has to be done by someone who is a Historian on the list. If it's just part of the usual context that rolls out from these types of projects, a historian is not required. That is what has been explained to me."

Chair Eck said, "I can totally buy into that with one problem. When you are getting ready to do the project, in doing that archival research, you don't know what archaeology is going to be encountered, and therefore you wouldn't know in advance if there is historic archaeology that would then kick in to some

reason for arguing that you need to have a historian. It's sort of a cart and a horse kind of thing."

Mr. Winters said, "As you know David, too, you could be talking hundreds of thousands of dollars extra, and depending on how extensive the work is."

Chair Eck said, "Again, this is biased, it's my experience, it's never run to very much, but it has always been of great benefit to have that input, because folks who do that thing as a regular matter of course tend to see the world differently than even I do. I wouldn't be qualified as a historian and wouldn't even dream to ask to be listed. I just wanted to raise the issue, because it seems like, since I've been on this Committee, we have had input of historians in the Downtown Review District. I cannot speak to the River and Trails because that's getting too far afield in too many cases."

Ms. Monahan said, "I am concerned that we are imposing standards arbitrarily on people who don't have the same kind of background that you have, and who are trying to comply with the City Codes and regulations. And if we impose additional steps to this process, we are going to encourage people not to do anything. But it sounds like adding another layer of review for a historian where it isn't specifically dictated by the Code, that we are imposing an arbitrary and capricious burden on people who are trying to comply with our standards. We should encourage them to comply with our standards and not keep layering things that should be factored in that aren't required. And so I would expect to have a legal interpretation of that language before we really consider making that a requirement."

Mr. Murphey said, "I produced this list of the cases we've reviewed between 2012 and 2013 for another purpose tonight. And looking at these, I can see a number of downtown projects that I remember there was no contribution from a listed Historian. But you bring up a good point and this should be exorcized [or exercised?] and put into the rewrite, whatever the direction is."

Chair Eck said, just as an observation, I know that some folks are probably going to come to this Committee with the product of a historian, believing that it is required. I would hate to say to them, "Thank you for the extra work for doing something that I thought was required."

Ms. Monahan said we have seen that these things are inconsistently applied, because of the nature of the Committee and the membership and the backgrounds, and the people that come before us. I think that before we insist on that imposition for a historical contribution we need to give it careful consideration.

Mr. Pierce said he has always tried to be a strict constructionist when it comes to interpreting the regulations here, and get away from the "additional practice." But he does see his point and thinks we ought to consider it for the rewrite. He said, "But for the matter at hand, I think Ron did fine."

*[Too many people talking at the same time here to transcribe, plus there was noise overlay]*

Chair Eck said this Committee is supposed to be made up of a historian, an archaeologist, and hopefully a historic archaeology, and I'll let you..."

Ms. Monahan said, "And an objective, realistic..."

Chair Eck said it's supposed to be a mixed bag.

Ms. Monahan said, "Because it's a deep hole. This is an archaeological and scientific deep hole that people don't understand, don't want to understand, they just want to comply, do what they have to do and get beyond it, so they can do what they can to maintain the City beautiful. So I think we need to respect that effort."

Mr. Pierce said he would point out that when we consider this, the list of archaeologists that are permitted in Santa Fe is small, and the list of historians is smaller, especially those who are actually doing work.

Mr. Murphey said two of those historians have called him saying, "I need help. We need more people on the list." He said they are turning away work because they they can't do it.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, with respect to Case #AR-08-13, to approve the request for approval of a reconnaissance and testing report covering approximately 1.5 acres at 1150 Canyon Road, located within the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District requested by Ron Winters for JenkinsGavin Design, with the aforementioned corrections, finding it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3) 3.13(B)(1)(a) and C(3)(a)(iii), 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

**2. CASE #AR-09-13. CONSIDERATION OF A RECONNAISSANCE REPORT COVERING APPROXIMATELY 2.8 LINEAR MILES OF ANTICIPATED GROUND DISTURBANCE FOR A PROPOSED COMBINATION LANE EXPANSION AND WATER LINE PROJECT ALONG OLD SANTA FE TRAIL AND EL GANCHO WAY, LOCATED WITHIN THE RIVER AND TRAILS ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY MARRON AND ASSOCIATES, FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

Chair Eck said the applicant in this case isn't here this evening, noting staff has said we can consider this case "if we don't have anything substantive and require answers to questions." He said he doesn't think anything he has flagged rises to anything substantive, and are ministerial.

Mr. Pierce said, "I have a couple that are on the fence. Maybe I should just state my comments for the record."

Chair Eck said or perhaps we should postpone it.

Mr. Murphey said by doing that it may not come back, because the direction of the Land Use Department is this is now out of our jurisdiction. He said, "This came up in a senior staff meeting on Monday, and this part that goes down Old Las Vegas Highway is actually in the State. It is supposed to be showing an adjustment to the City boundary that never took place. And so they spoke to the County on Tuesday, I believe, and the County said, well you're right. You have no jurisdiction over this. But the Public Works Department wanted this project reviewed."

Ms. Monahan on page 22 there is an isolated occurrence summary, and they have a 20 in. x 28 in. granite marker, "Santa Fe Trail 1822-79, Daughters of the American Revolution." She asked if it has been removed or if it is still there. Ms. Pierce said it is still there.

Chair Eck said, "Markers like that and the General Land Office benchmark and such are things that Highway Department projects take great pains to avoid and then leave them in place."

**MOTION:** Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Derek Pierce, to postpone Item #E(2) Case #AR-09-13, to the next meeting of the Committee on May 16, 2016.

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

Mr. Murphey said he would like to ask them to change the language to City Ordinance and not the federal regulations.

Chair Eck said we could ask them to add that discussion, because it is a multi-jurisdictional thing.

Mr. Murphey said they kicked it along.

## **F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **1. 2013 CITY OF SANTA FE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AWARD.**

Break 5:10 to 5:15 p.m.

The Committee discussed the 2013 Heritage Preservation Awards and individuals that would be deserving and eligible to receive an award.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Tess Monahan to have two nominations in the category of archaeology for the 2013 City of Santa Fe Heritage Preservation Awards.

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

Mr. Murphey asked who are the two nominees.

Ms. Monahan said they are Phillip Alarid and PNM, commenting we will need to work on nominating language for the two

Mr. Murphey said the event is May 30, 2013, 6:00 .m. at the National Park Service, Old Santa Fe Trail Building, and urged the Committee members to attend.

Chair Eck said he will be in attendance, and Ms. Monahan said she might be able to attend.

## **2. OTHER**

Mr. Murphey said at the last meeting, the Committee reviewed a project on Old Santa Fe Trail where a number of sites were identified and two were supposed to begin preservation easements. The applicant came back with this draft flat map showing the boundaries of the easement, so if the Committee is okay with that, we can proceed and have it signed. If not, he will ask them to come back and review the case issue.

Chair Eck said, "Let me give you a nutshell. We have two easements, one of which reflects a trace of what is considered to be the Santa Fe Trail."

Mr. Pierce said this is the property at 927-929 Old Santa Fe Trail.

Chair Eck said, "So this is immediately behind it between Amelia White Park and the School for Advanced Research. It was surveyed in the spirit of splitting the eight archaeological sites identified on this property, six were Old Santa Fe Trail alignments and two were historic trash. So proposed easements are for two things. One is the Old Santa Fe Trail alignment, and the other is for one of the trash dumps that have considerable time depth and considerable depositions, which was determined to meet the City's criteria for significant sites, etcetera, etcetera."

Chair Eck said, so this is the proposal and the quorum approved it with recommendations and this is the product.

Ms. Monahan and Mr. Pierce said they have no objections to the proposed easements.

Chair Eck agreed saying the owner was very anxious to have this happen.

It was the consensus among the Committee that the proposed plat meets the recommendations of ARC with regard to the easements.

## **G. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Murphey invited the members of the Committee to the Ft. Marcy Interpretive Signage and Panel unveiling on May 4, at 10:00 a.m., noting Chair Eck will be presenting a few words on the history of the project.

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

Chair Eck said subjects which have arisen in the past center around monitoring, trench digging and countering materials which never seem to rise to the level of analysis. He said we need to revisit those issues when everybody is in attendance, because it is important, and come up with something which is clear, concise and can be replicated at no one's expense or aggravation.

Ms. Helberg suggested these kinds of items should be a scheduled item on the agenda, and not under Matters from the Committee, so the public will know what is being discussed, and to comply with the notice required under the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Murphey said they can break these items out and take them one at a time.

Mr. Pierce asked if there has been a synthetic report on the stratigraphy of Santa Fe – has anybody summed up all these trenches, and Chair Eck said, not that he knows of.

Mr. Pierce said it might be possible to do that if we had a small grant.

Mr. Murphey said Mr. Pierce wasn't here for the discussion of the Archaeological Fund, and asked the Chair to review that discussion for the two who weren't here for that meeting, Mr. Pierce and Ms. Monahan.

Chair Eck said, "A tiny amount out of every building permit is set aside in the Archeological Fund and it's in pretty good shape. There is an ancient directive someplace that admonishes us to try to maintain a minimum balance of \$20,000, and we are well in excess of that. We don't want to go crazy, but there is money there to step in and do good and useful things in situations that we identify where important resources need attention beyond the maximum level as defined by the cap in the Ordinance for expenditures for present projects."

Mr. Murphey asked, "Can those funds be used for something that is synthetic and targeted at a particular project?"

Chair Eck said, "I don't know. That's actually a pretty good idea. And if it was a small amount and we had a cogent argument we could probably get that approved fairly easily. If it was going to be a large amount that rises to higher levels of review and approval, we would really have to have a tight explanation."

Mr. Murphey said as he mentioned, there is also the Certified Local Government Fund, which comes through SHPO from the federal government, the National Park Service. The City is a certified local government and this Committee, as in the past, can take advantage of that if we put together a proposal and present it to SHPO."

Mr. Pierce said, "That's why I mentioned it. My employer is currently scrambling to find ways to spend those funds, which they typically do about this time every year. Perhaps that couldn't get accomplished this year, but perhaps it might could be done next year."

Mr. Murphey said the project also could be phased.

Chair Eck said it would someone who really has a tremendous amount of patience and he would say, a considerable experience with soil descriptions. It might actually be beyond the realm of work for the average archaeologist to do.

Mr. Pierce said he thinks it would take someone with considerable experience working here. He said, "Unfortunately, the one firm that leaps to mind might have issues with taking money from HPD. We would have to go over that before we entertained any proposals from them, but they aren't the only ones that could do that."

Chair Eck said there must be 1,000 backhoe trenches that have been placed in the Downtown District. Also, there are all the trenches for utilities that were monitored and generated some profile data. He said it won't be a short project.

Mr. Pierce said it certainly will not be a money maker for whoever takes it on, but maybe there is somebody who is dedicated enough to do it.

Mr. Murphey provided an example from another municipality which is based on projects, rather than pure archaeology.

Ms. Monahan asked why this would be more important than having a comprehensive data base of all the sites that we have within the City that we review in these records that are not documented, or are only partially documented, in one place. She said, "That seems to me to be more important than stratigraphy."

Mr. Pierce said, "I don't disagree, but I believe there is an advantage, if you could identify areas or settings that are most likely to contain intact, undisturbed deposits that might be beneficial for some of the people who are acquiring new permits in Santa Fe to have. To know that this thing I'm about to work on has a high potential. Whereas these are next door, and Ron's already been out there 10 times and knows this is all backfill and redeposited sediment. I'm just floating the idea out there as one possible way to begin to deal with the issue of monitoring and trenches that don't really inform anything beyond fulfilling the requirements."

Chair Eck said, "This data base you refer to, I know it mentions somewhere and I don't know if it's in the old Ordinance or the existing Ordinance, that this group is supposed to somehow engender such a thing, but as far as I know, the Committee has never really tried to do so. My gut feeling is that doing it might be really, really redundant with what our members do every day, all day, with a staff of a few."

Mr. Pierce said, "We do have a resource available and we're very proud of it. There are two limitations to it. One is that we don't get everything that happens in Santa Fe. And the other, of course, is that it's very hard to drill down to that stratigraphy for data. It's recorded on site locations, but what's going on below the ground is not readily retrievable."

Chair Eck said, "What Tess was talking about, in terms of this very useful data base, that it is something we're supposed to be doing in some way, being more important than a more synthetic product. It would be wonderful if they could be tied together. But if that data base were totally wired at your level, and the stratigraphic information is simply linked to all of those numbers of all of the sites that are in the data base, this thing would be very very useful to anybody that maybe didn't give a rat about Santa Fe Archaeology. But, they could find out a whole bunch about the context from which this stuff is recovered without ever leaving their computer."

Ms. Monahan said, "Cherie said her firm has a lot of this in its data base that they can access for their clients. So it's doable and it would be a public record, but I'm not sure we are capable of doing it. It would need staffing."

Mr. Murphey said he understands in the 1990s the data base was produced, and it was mostly in tabular format with very primitive data location mapping. But for some reason or reasons, this effort died.

Chair Eck said he would hate to move forward with this if someone is digitizing something they aren't qualified to understand, interpret or relay to the rest of the universe as an exercise of creating a data base of things, such as City GIS. It really does need to be done by someone who is qualified, knows the reason why. He said it sits beautifully into the shop operated by one of our members. He said, "I wonder if it would be possible to convince HPD to give a Certified Local Government grant to the City to turn around and hire somebody to sit in their shop and do it."

Mr. Pierce said, "We have had situations where another agency, in this case, the BLM, contracted a person to come in and work on their own. We basically, other than giving them access, had no involvement, and we provided a little bit of training and then we turned him loose. So there's some precedent for it, but I would not venture as far as to say that it is something we can definitely do without a lot more research."

Chair Eck agreed saying we are thinking of possibilities, commenting people suggest that there are funds available from industry to do good and useful things. He said the reality is people aren't dripping money, and don't go out and hire somebody willy-nilly to do something that feels good. It's a good idea, but until some group decides it's worth their while to do something that benefits them, it isn't going to happen.



Ms. Monahan said we need to figure out the first step and how to build on it.

**I. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no business from the floor.

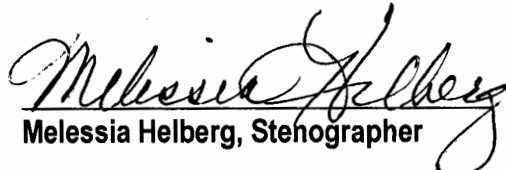
**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the Committee was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.

  
David Eck, Chair 6 June 2013

  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer