



ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013 - 4:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY HALL, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE

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September 19, 2013

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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING City Councilors Conference Room October 3, 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 October 3, 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 Gary Funkhouser James Edward Ivey Derek Pierce

Others Present

John Murphey, Historic Preservation Division Elizabeth Martin [for 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 Preservation Division.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Chair Eck stated that Tom McIntosh was given direction by this Committee at the last meeting as to what he needs to do regarding modifying and simplifying his application.

Chair Eck said he will touch base with Mr. McIntosh since he is not here today

Chair Eck said Ms. Helberg does a good job at capturing the meaning and intent of the meeting comments. Other members joined in to thank Melessia Helberg for her good work.

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 4, paragraph 4, line 2, correct as follows: "..excavation won't will proceed until..."

Chair Eck and Ms. Monahan again thanked Melessia again for her wonderful minutes.

MOTION: Gary Funkhouser moved, seconded by Derek Pierce, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2013, as amended.

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

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. <u>CASE #AR-19-13</u>. CONSIDERATION OF A RECONNAISSANCE REPORT COVERING PROPOSED DEMOLITION AND SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION ON 0.198 ACRES AT 1219 CERRO GORDO ROAD, LOCATED WITHIN THE RIVER AND TRAILS HISTORIC DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY RON WINTERS FOR JU MENG TAN.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the reconnaissance report, pending identified revisions, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3), and Archaeological Clearance Permits (14-3.13(B)(2)(a). The report additionally satisfies a requirement under Section 14-13.4(C). Staff recommends forwarding this approval to the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, as per NMAC 4.10.17.

Chair Eck said there is a Staff Report from Mr. Murphey, in the form of a brief memo, which is in the Committee packet.

Chair Eck said in the last sentence, Mr. Murphey recommends forwarding this approval to the Historic Preservation Division, and asked if there is an HPD nexus with this.

Mr. Murphey said only the fact that it is going to be demolition.

Chair Eck asked if it is a contributing structure.

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Mr. Murphey said no, it is working under 14-13.4(C), "and that previous to the building that the H-Board reviewed, we understands there was a more historic structure there. So by Code, the whole site has to be cleared for demolition, and then development and that involves Historic Preservation Division. So in curious ways, the development is under the threshold, but the demolition is not."

Mr. Winters said he has nothing to add. He said it is pretty straightforward. He had hoped to find more evidence of the previous structure, but they must have bladed it and then gravel was laid down. He did find a couple of IO's as you know. The most interesting thing is that the contents had been removed with the exception of one wall where there was an old painting of the original house, actually showing the original house in its location. He said there was no name on it, but it probably was painted by a family. He said he included it in his report. He said there was nothing else in the house, save for the painting. He said we need to keep it and include it in the house when it is rebuilt.

<u>Jake Ivey</u>

Mr. Ivey said he was going to ask why there was no reference to the previous house, but it looks like the whole site was scraped off after that.

Mr. Winters said yes, and he didn't see any charcoal and there were no foundations. He said it looked like they have bladed after that.

Mr. Ivey said it is odd that there was no artifact distribution from an occupation.

Mr. Winters said as you look NNE, there is a cut bank, which he did scrutinize to see if there were any buried deposits, noting it was quite deep. He said he didn't see any evidence of buried features, although he was hoping there would be something there.

Mr. Ivey said other than being completely befuddled by the circumstances, he has no comments, noting he has always said nothing can be destroyed without a trace, but guesses he was wrong about that.

Chair Eck said he would quibble about that, because this was "two jumps outside the boundary wherein we would have had some testing that could have addressed that, but it is outside the Historic Downtown sufficiently."

Tess Monahan

Ms. Monahan said she appreciated seeing the painting and the nice little piece to kind of put it in context, especially from the eyes of someone who loved it.

Gary Funkhouser

Mr. Funkhouser said he has no questions.

Derek Pierce

- In Paragraph 4 it appears you split the paragraph not intending to, or missed a carriage return.
 Mr. Winters said he will correct that.
- On Page 28, under Survey Results, in paragraph 1 you have the two IO's as a fragment of aqua bottle glass, and another fragment of aqua bottle glass, but in the next paragraph where you list them individually, one is aqua glass and the next is green bottle glass, and Mr. Winters said he will correct that.

Mr. Ivey said, "You did describe it that way earlier when you mentioned what was found in the Summary, so that one's okay. It's just this one...."

Chair Eck

- On page 28, paragraph 3, in the last sentence, relating to the question about the green versus aqua, in the last sentence of the paragraph he thinks he dropped some words. He said he thinks he intended to say, "The location of the piece of glass is shown in Figure 9," but it just says "It is shown in Figure 9," noting that Figure 9 doesn't show a piece of glass.
- The City shows this structure as contributing, but Mr. Murphey's thinking is that it was the "earlier, now gone forever structure" that is contributing.

Mr. Murphey said no. The Applicant came to the Board with a request to downgrade the structure which was approved, so it went from contributing to non-contributing status.

Chair Eck said then it will be some time before that reflects in the City's GIS.

Mr. Murphey said, "Yes. A long time."

Chair Eck said the recent work at the School is within your previous research area, Manderfield.

Mr. Winters said yes, and thinks he would have noted that and asked if he checked it, noting this is 1/2 mile.

Chair Eck said it looks like it's well within, because Mr. Winters mentioned things which are much further away. He said Mr. Winters also should cite his own work.

Mr. Winters said he will do so.

MOTION: Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, with respect to Case #AR-10-13, to approve the request for approval of a reconnaissance report covering proposed demolition and subsequent construction on 0.198 acres at 1219 Cerro Gordo Road, in the River and Trails Historic District, as requested by Ron Winters for Ju Ment Tan, pending identified revisions, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3), and Archaeological Clearance Permits (14-3.13(B)(2)(a), additionally satisfies a requirement under Section 14-13.4(C), and to forward 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. <u>CASE #AR-20-13</u>. CONSIDERATION OF AN INVENTORY AND TESTING REPORT COVERING PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ON 0.30 ACRES AT 616C AND 616E EAST ALAMEDA STREET, LOCATED WITHIN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY RON WINTERS FOR PHILIP ALARID.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of 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), and Archaeological Clearance Permits (14-3.13(B)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a)(i, ii and 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 form of a short memo which is in the Committee packet. He said he has the same question "about the HPD connection, and thought the second sentence of the second paragraph perhaps didn't fully state what Mr. Murphey intended, but said, "I'm not concerned. 'The land holding the lost lot was subdivided several years ago...'."

Mr. Murphey said we made the connection with the previous emergency ARMS feature but this archaeologist actually recorded a site, as opposed to the four features that were reviewed 6 months ago.

Mr. Winters said, in terms of the site, and why the site was recorded independent of the other, their site that they reported in the transcript is not on this property. He spoke with Dee at ARMS about it, and her recommendation was, because the time frame was a little different from what they described in their artifact assemblage, and because it was a discrete deposit, that I should just give it a new site number.

Mr. Winters said in the second trench, he didn't find evidence like he did in the first trench, "it just wasn't there, but two pits in close proximity, of an age that differed slightly from what they had recorded initially."

Mr. Winters said one other thing, in the photograph on page 46, Trench 1, looking south, the north arrow is actually pointing south and should be flipped around, and he will correct that.

Gary Funkhouser

Mr. Funkhouser asked Mr. Winters, generally, to go over the trenching procedures and the testing, the order of it, how it was conducted, and show us the areas. He said in the drawing of the trench walls, the soil around the features is the same, so there was no other surface there.

Mr. Winters said there is some soil above them, but those features are discrete.

Mr. Funkhouser said if the soil above it, around it and below it is the same, how does it get there without having either gone through it or....

Mr. Winters said, "It looks like it was covered up and they pushed soil from around, because it was buried slightly. And the big chunks of concrete foundation are buried in that same kind of soil, but it has been leveled at some point, the dirt moved around because it wasn't right at the surface and was capped by that same kind of soil."

Mr. Winters said, "Again trying to get maximum coverage and also dealing with... there were buried water lines that I had to avoid. You don't necessarily see them on here. So, in fact I did more testing than what was required. I was just trying to get maximum coverage, is all. And those western edges were not really... that's why I put the hinge in the stairs as opposed to anywhere else, so I could at least get some idea if there is buried material there. With that much testing, you can only cover so much of the property. But, like I said, I did give more coverage than what was required."

Mr. Funkhouser asked, on the hand trenches with the two sterile layers, 20 centimeters, if those were an arbitrary 10 centimeters or two natural stratigraphicals.

Mr. Winters said they were arbitrary.

<u>Tess Monahan</u>

Ms. Monahan said she had no additional comments, noting she used to live in that neighborhood.

Derek Pierce

Mr. Pierce said he has one comment or question, which has been brought up already, which is the question of why you assigned a new site number, as opposed to lumping it into the one that OAS discovered a few months before. He said Mr. Winters mentioned that he thought the time period of the assembling was a little different, but he isn't seeing that in looking at both reports.

Mr. Winters said, "They have earlier occupations. What I don't understand and maybe you can clarify this Derek, I found this to be sorely lacking. I don't know how this got through. Where is the site description. The site forms are not on file at ARMS, and I couldn't get those."

Mr. Pierce said he found that today on Ms. Snow's desk, commenting it wasn't much more informative than the report.

Mr. Winters said what happened on this project is that they worked up to the amount of money they were going to get out of it and then just stopped. He found it lacking and it isn't up to OAS standards. He said it was hard to get information, especially when there is no site description. He said they originally gave individual site numbers on the four features they have, and then they lumped them together as one.

Mr. Pierce said that is his impression as well.

Mr. Winters said he spoke with Michelle and she said you can link it to that because it's close proximity, but when he started looking at their descriptions of each feature, and then talked with Dee Dee, her directive, because of the distinct assemblage and tight cluster of dates, was to give it a new number.

Mr. Pierce said he doesn't mean to pick on Ron, commenting clearly he thought of the issue and sought guidance on it and followed practice. He said this does raise the issue of whether we give a new L.A. number to every single feature found in the trench.

Mr. Funkhouser said, "Since it's being monitored like that, yes, I agree."

Ms. Monahan said it is unclear from the discussion what report is being referenced, and asked him for the record to read the title, the date and who produced it.

Mr. Winters, Results of a Monitoring Program in the Vicinity of 616 E. Alameda Street, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, by Richard Montoya, dated January 28, 2013.

Ms. Monahan asked who is the Michelle to whom he is referring.

Mr. Winter said it is Michelle Ensey, Historic Preservation Division, and DeeDee Snow at ARMS.

The Committee continued discussion and commented and asked questions as follows:

 Mr. Pierce asked, regarding proximity if Mr. Winters was able to establish how close the feature he found in his trench was to the Montoya one.

Mr. Winters said when she[?] is done, if we can get the report, he can show him. He said the trench locations are shown on page 36, noting you see Features 1, 3 and 4. He said, "My trench, this is here."

Mr. Pierce said, "It would be 120 or 150, something like that."

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Chair Eck said it really is a long way further north.

— Mr. Pierce said it is certainly much more than the standard 20 meter rule, but it's no greater than the distance that OAS did within a single site, so there is a difference in philosophy there.

Mr. Winters said the reason he brought the report was specifically to clarify that.

- Mr. Pierce said he doesn't think there are any issues with the work done by Mr. Winters, it's just a question of what is the standard procedure in this case, and said, "I don't know that we don't necessarily have one."
- Mr. Winters said, "[inaudible], once she coded the thing into the system made a notation that she thought it should have been 4 separate sites, which is her right to do, but it's not something I agree with." He noted in one of their features, they talked about earlier material.
- Mr. Pierce said that is what he was looking for, but there really is a discrepancy in the assemblage, more than just pure geography.

Jake Ivey

Mr. Ivey said on page 30, the last paragraph has some kind of handwritten note on it – above the 8 there is a handwritten 9. He asked what that means.

Mr. Winters said he doesn't know who did that, and it isn't on his copy.

- Mr. Pierce said it is supposed to be 9 instead of 8.
- Mr. Winters said then the abstract is wrong.

Chair Eck said, "Not necessarily, because, back to page 30, 4th paragraph, 3rd sentence says, 'Nine isolated occurrences were recovered.' So either the abstract and that paragraph are wrong, or there is a missing 9th."

Mr. Winters said he knows what happened. He said where he put the hand unit was where the one IO is and I included a surface artifact in that test unit, and if you look on the back there are only 8 showing, but if you look in the description of testing of two, you'll see there's a single artifact on the surface and that's why.

Mr. Pierce said in that same paragraph you describe each of the IO's through number 8 and that's it, and there is no number 9.

Mr. Winters said he was doing the distribution of the units trying to get maximum coverage and that's what happened, so it's really 8 not 9. He said he will make that change on page 30 in paragraph 4.

Chair Eck said the correction also needs to be made in the abstract.

Mr. Ivey said on page 30, in paragraph 5, there is an apostrophe after artifacts, which needs to be deleted.

<u>Chair Eck</u>

Correct page 5, paragraph 1, line 7, as follows: "....improvements to the current property in the form <u>of</u> new residences.

Correct page 31, paragraph 3, line 6, "...non-solarized class glass.." Mr. Winters said that is what he intended.

Chair Eck asked Mr. Winters which came first, the trenches or hand units, and Mr. Winters said the trenches.

Chair Eck said having seen the trenches, with the possible presence of buried materials to one meter, he thinks terminating hand excavation at 20 centimers in the same cell description as given for the trench might have been premature.

Mr. Winters said perhaps on TU-1, but not TU-2, because you see the paucity of material that came out of trench 2, which was longer than trench 1. He said the bulk of the material he found was at the middle to northern end of trench 1.

Chair Eck said, "It just occurred to me, you could have punched the hand units to almost a meter before hitting B, which arguably is perhaps old enough and of a depositional origin that precludes human interaction, but all of stratum A seems, as member Funkhouser pointed out, seems to be in play, and you've got this cultural stuff in it at varying depths."

Mr. Winters said they were discrete features, if you look at the profile. He said, "I thought about projecting from north to south if it was circular how big it might have been, and I think that's the reason I didn't hit it."

Chair Eck asked if these features occur in both walls of the trench.

Mr. Winters said Feature 2 does occur in both walls, with Feature 1 only in the west wall.

Chair Eck suggested that Mr. Winters revamp his description of the site, because there are more than 175 artifacts, he has a sample of 175 artifacts, but you don't know the lateral dimensions of the site in east/west direction, and only seem to know it in its north/south, and would like for him to say more about it.

Mr. Winters said he does say it is only the exposed site dimension – it's only what is exposed in the description. He said that is on page 34 in dimensions. Mr. Winters said he made that note for that very reason.

Chair Eck said he sees that.

Chair Eck said, then the only thing he would like Mr. Winters to add is to mention that it is in both walls of the trench in Feature 2.

Mr. Winters said he will do so.

Chair Eck said, "Given that this earlier report that we discussed a bit ago is what it is, were you unable to glean any useful comparative information out of that to use in your discussion, and I fully understand if you couldn't."

Mr. Winters said no.

Mr. Funkhouser asked if it would be of any value to put a comment in the LA form for this that it could be with the other ones, so if somebody looks again, if they are trenching again in that area, so they could at least be aware of the proximity so we don't wind up with more than 5-6 numbers.

Chair Eck said he doesn't know how much additional information you put in these things, but he believes including language "in both directions" would be useful.

Mr. Funkhouser said you could just add a comment that it's there so whoever might see that would be aware of it.

Responding to Mr. Pierce, Mr. Funkhouser said, "It depends on when features become sites, so when they are parts of sites, it sort of depends on when you find it and where."

Mr. Funkhouser said after spending more 80 days monitoring this year, he is quite aware of how difficult it is to spot things in trench walls. He said, "It's not a big window, and the fact is that [inaudible] has so much inertia that it changes the physical characteristics of the soil too, and it's really difficult to see it." He said it's not the best way to look at things.

MOTION: Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Derek Pierce, with respect to Case #AR-20-13, to approve the request for approval of an inventory and testing report covering proposed construction on 0.30 acres at 616C and 616E East Alameda Street, located within the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District, requested by Ron Winters for Phillip Alarid, pending identified revisions, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance (14-5.3), and Archaeological Clearance Permits (14-3.13(B)(1)(a) and (C)(3)(a)(i, ii and iii), and further recommends forwarding 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.

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F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Project involving the Acequia Madre

Mr. Murphey said there are two administrative matters. He said he received a call from a consultant about doing a trenching project. The consultant is approved only to do Suburban and this project is 99% Suburban but about 1% of it is in Downtown and East Side. He asked if the consultant needs to hire someone to do the 1% who is certified to work in the Downtown.

Mr. Pierce asked if the 1% is 10 feet.

Mr. Murphey said the approximately 10 feet includes boring under the Acequia Madre into Acequia Madre Street, noting this is a utility connection.

Chair Eck said cutting a slot through the Acequia Madre might be considered worse.

Ms. Monahan recalled the disaster we had on East Alameda where the acequia had been in a conservation easement and then it was destroyed. The construction was red-tagged and stopped, and the owners went bankrupt and they are now building on that site again. She said Mr. Winters did a report on it, and they took advantage that you can still see the acequia walls and investigated what the original construction would look like. She said, "With the sacredness of the Acequia Madre, I don't think we can possibly touch it, I just don't."

Mr. Funkhouser said the window is probably more than 10 feet with a staging area.

Mr. Pierce said there is the length of the trench, but there is no staging area and you know the effects will be larger. He said it doesn't make sense to destroy a known, eligible resource to avoid [inaudible] what may or may be underneath it.

Chair Eck said he would have to come down on the side of arguing for a consensus that, in this case, boring might be a good idea.

Ms. Monahan asked, "Why do we need to do anything."

Mr. Murphey said it needs to go down a lane that is south of the Acequia Madre/

Mr. Pierce asked the reason we haven't yet seen a plan for this.

Mr. Murphey said this is just a question to this Committee, so he can give guidance to the supposed applicant.

Chair Eck said the person probably needs to come up with a budget to cover everything and they're fishing for information.

Mr. Funkhouser asked if this is the kind of project where that line could be used in the future, if we get to that point.

Mr. Murphey said he knows what he's talking about, but that wasn't specified.

Ms. Monahan said she doesn't think we have enough information.

Mr. Murphey said the person just wants to know if this is eligible for consideration.

Mr. Ivey said a good backhoe slash across the Acequia Madre would tell a lot about its history, and it can be restored to its original condition. He said it is a test cut to see what kinds of problems you get into later.

Chair Eck said, "That could be a big scary deal for the proponent of this particular idea."

Ms. Monahan said there would be lots and lots and lots of headlines about it.

Chair Eck said, regarding the mechanics of doing such a thing, there would be a fairly big pit to make the boring even possible, and asked where that would be, and if it would be under the street.

Mr. Murphey said he assumes by the way he described it, it would be within the center line of the street.

Ms. Monahan reiterated that we don't have enough information to give Mr. Murphy any guidance about this.

Mr. Pierce suggested we ask the person to bring both alternatives to the Committee in writing so that we can evaluate them.

Mr. Murphey said the person was looking for a yes or a no.

Mr. Funkhouser said the answer would in terms of his qualifications [the applicant's].

Ms. Monahan said the contract better have someone qualified to work in the Historic Downtown.

Chair Eck said he would strongly suggest someone who is on the list for Historic Downtown, at a minimum, to be present as a consultant for the duration of the project.

Chair Eck asked Mr. Murphey if he has sufficient information to get back to the contractor, and Mr. Murphey said yes.

Tierra Azul

Mr. Murphey said with regard to Tierra Azul, the case we reviewed under AR-25-05 at the last meeting. He said in the interim the actual developer has come forward with a grading permit to do some excessive grading. He said in his report he alluded to the fact that the developer will be using a phased approach. The Project Archeologist who brought the amendment forward, is claiming the grading under Phase I will have no impact to the two sites under discussion at the last hearing. He said, "Legally, I thought, because he came to ARC with an amendment and it was postponed, perhaps the so-called clearance of the site was in limbo, and I would just like to have some recommendation of how to proceed."

Mr. Pierce said it would seem to him that if they want clearance on a part of the lot, rather than the whole thing, they need to bring that forward.

Ms. Monahan said he can't do any grading until he gets clearance from this Committee.

Mr. Murphey said the applicant provided supplemental information in the form of an email letter which did shows the whole plat and where they're grading appears to be separate from the archaeological site, but "I'm not comfortable with a plat at this scale agreeing to this."

Ms. Murphey agreed saying especially with this kind of event.

Mr. Pierce said we probably would want some protective measures.

G. COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Eck said a strange email appeared at his work from a person who has been before this committee nominating him for some award. He said he will ignore the communication, and will not respond to it.

H. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Monahan noted they are building on the site where there is an active acequia, noting it is a huge development of 4 or 5 buildings, which spans the entire block between East Alameda and Palace Avenue. She said there is an acequia on the property which has been put into a conservation easement. She said after that was done they did whatever they wanted to do with their building permit, and they were shut down. She asked about this project and if Mr. Murphey has any information in this regard.

Mr. Murphey said he is familiar with the project through the H-Board, but he has no idea what is going on archaeologically, and he will look into it.

Ms. Monahan said she didn't know if they were given the go ahead.

Chair Eck said he would like to revisit the as yet undefined desire to have something synthetic downtown regarding the known deposits, stratigraphy, etc. He said, "The folks who expressed interest have said they don't know enough to pursue funding applications elsewhere, independent of this group better defining what our intentions are."

Chair Eck said he has volunteered to meet with them tomorrow to find out what they have in mind, what information they need, and will then report back to the Committee as to what we need to do to define ourselves to the universe, sufficient to accomplish our purpose.

Mr. Funkhouser asked if we can specify one of the tasks as being the construction of some kind of database of what exists, which would be one of the products as one place to start.

Chair Eck said, "Then we are then going to be fishing for someone to produce a comprehensive database of the Downtown Historic Archaeological Review District, based on what has been done."

Mr. Pierce said the only criteria should be that it is sub surface.

Mr. Funkhouser said yes, commenting that is where he was suggesting we go.

Mr. Pierce said there are two existing data bases which give two dimensional coverage, and we're after that third dimension.

Mr. Funkhouser said that issue was discussed.

Chair Eck said he will pass that on to these people.

Mr. Pierce said there is a possible alternative which is a third party pursuing a Certified Local Government grant, which is up to the Land Use Department to decide whether that would be a worthwhile avenue to pursue.

Mr. Murphey said in the past, the ARC did fund projects through the CLG apparatus.

Mr. Pierce said he understands the funds available for a GLG grant will be greatly increased this year, so there are potentially two large pots of money to pursue.

Chair Eck asked the CLG time frame.

Mr. Pierce said he thinks the deadline for applications is early-mid November 2013, so 30 days or so. Mr. Pierce said he doesn't know which way would be better, and it might make more sense to have a third party come up with its own proposal that meets our needs.

Mr. Murphey said as he has seen the CLG operated, it goes out to the third party, which might be more attractive, because the current cost-share has a lot of "technical hooks to it," as we discussed previously, such as the requirement to provide a 40% match.

Chair Eck said until everything is more well defined no one knows what that number is likely to be.

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: Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Jake Ivey, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the Committee was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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