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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING

THURSDAY, March 20, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCILORS' CONFERENCE ROOM

CITY HALL, 200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE

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- F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING  
City Councilors Conference Room  
March 20, 2014**

**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 20, 2014, 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**

David Rasch, 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 Preservation Division.

**C. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

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

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

A ministerial correction was made on page 2 of the minutes, "southeaster" to "southeastern."

**MOTION:** Derek Pierce moved, seconded by Tess Monahan, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2014, as amended.

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

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **CASE #AR-04-14. RON WINTERS, AGENT FOR DOUGLAS McDOWELL, REQUESTS APPROVAL OF RECONNAISSANCE ON 0.3944 ACRES AT 523 CANYON ROAD, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, AS COMPLYING WITH SECTIONS 14-3.13(B) AND (C) AND 14-5.3(D)**

Chair Eck noted there was no staff report, and asked Mr. Rasch if he had any comment, and Mr. Rasch said no.

Mr. Winter said he didn't make this site eligible, given that it was marginal at best. He said, "There were some artifacts that fit the cut-off, noting there was a lot of stuff into the 40's and 50's and it was superficial. In looking in the trenches, I found 1 broken glass with a piece of it on the surface that I mentioned. However, the trenches were surprisingly sterile. As I progressed from west to east, the river cobble was much lower, and then got mid-way and then was much higher by the time I was at the eastern end – big boulders even – but obviously sterile. "

**Tess Monahan**

Ms. Monahan said it always is interesting to see a report the east side, but she has no corrections or comments, other than it was a good report.

**Gary Funkhouser**

Mr. Funkhouser proposed the following corrections:

- 1) On Report page 29, paragraph 1, line 1, correct as follows, "... of a prehistoric component within to the project..."
- 2) Mr. Funkhouser said with regard to Report page 29, paragraph 4, line 1, Mr. Winters says "there was evidence of historic occupation," and believes "historic use" makes more sense for what he will find.
- 3) On Report page 29, paragraph 5, line 3, correct as follows: ".... fully recorded in the field. Select artifacts...."
- 4) On Report page 39, paragraph 2, line 3, correct as follows: Remove the "s" from "sites" so it becomes "site."
- 5) Mr. Funkhouser said, "As opposed to things in the field being exhausted, I support fully documented, I don't know you actually exhaust that."
- 6) Mr. Funkhouser said, "In the general sense of things of no cultural significance, I would like it to be rephrased in terms of like, 'The project will result in no adverse effect to any resources,' rather than making a value judgment on their worth. Just say there is no significance assigned to them." He said this is just a suggestion.

### **Derek Pierce**

Mr. Pierce said he has no corrections, but he has one suggestion on Report page 32. He said, "In your description of the site, LA178,469, you say on several occasions that there was no evidence of burial cultural deposits. The first question that came to my mind, was did he actually test within the site, and you did, but it took me a long time to find that. It would have beneficial to have a sentence that actually said, 'Trench 1 bisected the site and there were no subsurface [inaudible],' and perhaps even put the trench on your site sketch map."

Mr. Winters said he did the map first, because when you look at it in the final mapping, it shows that it goes right through there.

Mr. Pierce said the only place he could find that indicated he actually trenched through the site was on Figure 10.

### **Jake Ivey**

Mr. Ivey said on Report page 11, paragraph 2, line 6, add a comma after "1145."

Mr. Ivey said on Report page 30, under the Trench 1 discussion, the last statement is something about "recovered from the trench profiles," while all the others say "trench backdirt." He kept reading and looking at the diagrams, and realized Mr. Winters actually did mean profile. He said, "So you found nothing in the backdirt."

Mr. Winters said no.

Mr. Ivey said, on Report page 30, line 5, it says, "the trackhoe was used to excavate." He asked if that should be "backhoe."

Mr. Winters said no, it should be a trackhoe. He said, "I did hand excavation and they wanted to see if they could find the sewer line, and they came into my unit, and I monitored as I was digging."

Mr. Ivey said, "So what you're telling me is the trackhoe is the real thing."

Mr. Winters said, "Yes. It has cat tracks instead of tires, but the scooping thing is still on the back of it."

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Mr. Ivey said on Report page 31, in Figure 6, there is half of a horseshoe there, and asked what are the little scribbly notes with the circle.

Mr. Winters said it is the other artifact. He said what was recovered was a clear bottle base, and thinks it's described, noting it didn't show up very well.

### **Chair David Eck**

Chair Eck said, "My follow up on the stratigraphy was to ask a general question, and I apologize if you said something about this somewhere and I didn't just [inaudible]. What is the possibility that virtually all of the fine sediment that you were digging trackhoe trenches and hand excavating units through, might have been imported to the levels of the site."

Mr. Winters said he thought he mentioned that the area is heavily disturbed.

Chair Eck said, "An interpretation of that could be that it's been leveled. Because, my gut feeling was that there probably was hardly any sediment above gravel before somebody modified the area and made it level enough to build something on, and you probably have been digging holes in redeposited material."

Mr. Winters said yes.

Chair Eck suggested a phrase that says, "possibly from imported fills to level the building site or blah, blah, blah."

Mr. Funkhouser said, "So the trash dump you found on the surface was strictly on the surface, and yet that seems to run back to the late 1800's."

Mr. Winters said, "There were artifacts that did date to 1890, there were a couple."

Mr. Ivey said, "In your proposal for the history of the site, how do you explain that stuff getting there."

Mr. Winters said, "There isn't a lot. If you look at the dates for some of the artifacts that I used that that were diagnostic, quite a lot. That's why the comment before hand, that it tended to be early 1940's into the 1950's, the bulk of the artifacts. But you have to say that if you've got artifacts, it has to be in that age range"

Mr. Rasch said, "I can't confirm that a grading permit was issued, because one shouldn't have been without archeological clearance. So I'm assuming, if the City was operating properly, that the grading was done illegally."

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Mr. Pierce asked the age of the residence, and Mr. Winters said it was 1965.

Mr. Rasch said, "Well they took down that shed and I think they must have graded at that point."

Mr. Winters said, "It's not really, no, it was pretty uneven. Because there's still grass, you see in the picture there's grass, there's planted shrubs in the standard where the guide goes around. And so, the site in general wasn't graded anytime recently."

Chair Eck said he has no further comment.

**MOTION:** Tess Monahan moved, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, with respect to Case #AR-03-14, to approve the request for approval of reconnaissance on 0.3944 acres at 523 Canyon Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico, located within the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District, requested by Ron Winters, agent for Douglas McDowell, with the aforementioned corrections, finding that it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance §14-3.113(B) and (C), and §14-5.3(D).

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

#### **F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Rasch said he has not heard from SHPO about the CLG grant.

Mr. Pierce said he has seen the draft contract, and verified the scope and such. He said they have been behind, with one person trying to write 40 contracts, but Mr. Rasch should get something in 1-2 weeks.

Mr. Rasch said he included it in the City budget for 2014-2015.

Mr. Pierce said he can verify that the scope of work has been approved, because that is his piece, although he doesn't know anything about the legalese.

Responding to the Chair, Mr. Rasch said Ms. Scheick did contact him, and he told her he hadn't heard anything at that time.

Chair Eck asked if there are matters about which we should start worrying.

Mr. Rasch said yes, noting he needs to find a location for this year's Archaeological awards, and prepare a mailing for nominations for the awards which would be due in April, for presentation at the awards ceremony in May. He doesn't know where we can go which doesn't cost anything that is ADA compliant.

The members suggested the Community Convention Center.



## **G. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Chair Eck asked if there is anything we need to do about our reappointments to this Committee.

Mr. Rasch said members of the Committee who would like to stay on the Committee, should write a letter to the Mayor stating that fact.

Ms. Monahan asked about the hiring of the replacement for John Murphey.

Mr. Rasch said he has two positions, a Planner Tech that closed in-house on March 4, 2014, and the Planner Senior that closed out-of-house on March 4, 2014. However, when the new Mayor came in, he put a hold on all positions, and is considering which ones he wants to open. He is quite sure within 90 days of his election, the Mayor will let him fill the positions. However, for now everything is on hold. He said Mayor Gonzales is considering moving the Historic Division elsewhere, noting during the campaign, he was adamant publicly that he wanted to have Historic Division at a cabinet level, whatever that means.

Mr. Rasch asked members to forgive him if he doesn't get back to them, because he is very overwhelmed as the only staff person in Historic.

Chair Eck said, "A certain company, that could be construed as a utility, started to trench through a certain street and install something. And after having been advised by at least two parties that they just couldn't do that without an A.R.C. clearance from the Committee. And they went ahead and did it anyway."

Mr. Rasch asked, "Do we know if the length exceeded the allowable length. In Historic Downtown, it's 50 linear feet or 60."

Chair Eck said, "I thought it was on the order of 200 feet, but I honestly don't have that number in my head."

Mr. Rasch said, "I asked the potential archaeologist for their telephone number – the perpetrators."

Chair Eck said, "It is disturbing to hear that people have invested their time and effort, thought, deliberation and advice and it all fell on deaf ears."

Mr. Rasch said he advised them as well.

Chair Eck said, "Just in general, I want to know if we have any sticks to wave."

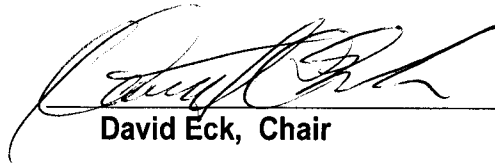
Mr. Rasch said, "I will be calling them. They have another trench they want to put in, and as soon as I get that number, I'll call them and say, no, no, no, no, you hold off on it. I believe it is for a very big development project nearby."

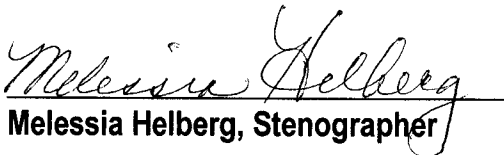
#### H. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Committee.

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey 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 5:00 p.m.

 17 April 2014  
David Eck, Chair

  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer