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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE HEARING

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 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:

April 5, 2012

April 19, 2012

E. ACTIONS ITEMS

1. Case#AR-13-12. Approval of preliminary report on archaeological data recovery for the construction of the State of New Mexico Executive Office Building at 402, 406, 410 and 414 Don Gaspar Avenue, located within the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District. The request is made by Robert Dello-Russo, Office of Archaeological Studies, for the New Mexico General Services Division.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
City Councilors Conference Room  
May 3, 2012**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Archaeological Review Committee was called to order by Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair, at approximately 4:30 p.m., on May 3, 2012, in the City Councilors Conference Room, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair  
Gary Funkhouser  
James Edward Ivey  
David Eck  
[Vacancy]

**Members Excused**

Jeremy Kulisheck, Chair (resigned)

**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**

**MOTION:** Gary Funkhouser moved, seconded by David Eck, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2012 AND APRIL 19, 2012**

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 4, Paragraph 10, line 1, correct as follows: "Mr. ~~Winters~~ Eck said..."

Page 5, Paragraph 3 under Chair Kulisheck, line 6, correct as follows: "...you ~~came~~ came down..."

Page 8, Paragraph 2 under Chair Kulisheck, line 3, correct as follows "...~~Historical~~ Historic .."

Page 8, Strike Paragraph 5 under Chair Kulisheck, "~~Funkhouser with small fixes, second Ivey.~~"

Page 14, Paragraph 7, line 1, correct as follows: "... asked what is..."

Page 14, Paragraph 8, line 1, correct as follows: "... could not grant..."

Page 17, Paragraph 2, line 6, correct as follows: "...taken care of through..."

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2012, as amended.

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

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **CASE #AR-13-12. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA RECOVERY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT 402, 406, 410 AND 414 DON GASPAR AVENUE, LOCATED WITHIN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVIEW DISTRICT. THE REQUEST IS MADE BY ROBERT DELLO-RUSSO, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDIES, FOR THE NEW MEXICO GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION.**

The staff report was presented by John Murphey.

**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:** At the request of the New Mexico General Services Division, Matthew J. Barbour conducted archaeological data recovery on State land for the proposed construction of the Executive Office Building, to be situated near the northwest corner of Don Gaspar Avenue and Paseo de Peralta. The proposed building's footprint of approximately 5,000 sq. m., covers roughly a quarter of LA 158037. Of the total disturbance footprint, Barbour examined 3,300 sq. m. the remaining 1,700 sq. m., which includes six buildings and associated outbuildings, will be documented by an architectural historian. In total, roughly 1,472 sq. m. (45%)

was examined with eight scrapings and 17 backhoe trenches. The investigations resulted in the identification of three structures and 157 features and the recovery of 2,278 artifacts (number varies in report) and samples. The archaeologist concluded no further investigations are warranted. These findings are presented in the accompanying report, "*A Preliminary Report on Archaeological Data Recovery for Executive Office Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico*," (Barbour, Mathew J., PR 50, 2012).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of the report, as it meets the intent of the City of Santa Fe Archaeological Review District Ordinance, as it applied to State undertakings (14-5.3(B), and the criteria for Archaeological Clearance Permits under 14-3.13(B)(1)(a), and External Policy 3.

### Comment by the Applicant

Mr. Barbour said this project was undertaken at the request of the General Services Division, for construction of a building, noting the last time he was here, he was going through approval for the Data Recovery Plan for this project. He said in this Preliminary Report he adhered strictly to the Data Recovery Plan, there were no modifications and they found several thousand artifacts and many features. Many of the features were associated with back yards of several residential structures along Capitol Street. These structures are part of a bigger neighborhood which Spears labeled the Capitol Complex Historic Neighborhood. It is his objective, with the Executive Office Building information, to write a second volume to *Urban Archaeology in the Capitol Complex Historic Neighborhood*, which was the first report he did on the Capitol parking facility. He said this "work will be supplemental to this," as well as enhanced from his earlier findings on a neighborhood which, before Ms. Pauley, maybe not the most well-documented neighborhood within the Downtown Historic District.

### Comments by the Committee

#### Jake Ivey

Mr. Ivey offered the following corrections:

1. On the cover page of Mr. Murphey's Memorandum, under Background & Summary, line 9, correct as follows: "...2,278 artifacts..."
2. For the record, on page 1 of the Report under Introduction, right hand column, paragraph 2, line 8, it says "... the recovery of 2,278 artifacts and samples," but the number is listed on page 53 as 2,288 under the Conclusions, Recommendations and Final Report.

Mr. Barbour said it is a typo, commenting that with analysis that will change in the final numbers.

Mr. Ivey said since this is a preliminary report, he didn't really "grind at it that much." He said it was a great report in the sense that there is a lot of curious and interesting stuff in there. He really appreciates that Barbour is working on the idea of looking for patterns of relatively recent suburban living, commenting "if he hasn't got enough evidence from this excavation, he'll never see a pattern," noting so far there are 23,000 artifacts between the two projects.

### **David Eck**

Mr. Eck said, "Given that you've done all this research, do I smell a dissertation in here somewhere."

Mr. Barbour said he hasn't made any plans.

Mr. Eck said he needs to, because it is great.

Mr. Eck said, on page iii, Administrative Summary, right column, first sentence, something about that struck him as a description of what he did for the parking structure, as opposed to a description of what you did for this part of it.

Mr. Barbour said that actually is for the executive office building, noting in Figure 3 on page 4, you can see the 17 backhoe trenches, and Figure 9 has the layout of the backhoe trenches which is much easier to see.

Mr. Eck said to disregard his comment, because in discussion we have learned that the numbers are true and correct, and it was his inability to make sense of the reproduced figures that led to the question. He said everything is now taken care of because of the answer to that question.

Mr. Murphey said he spoke with the people at the City reproduction office about the quality of the reproduction of the report, and they said, "I like your copy." He said he can distribute the materials in pdf if they would like.

Mr. Eck asked, on page 39, Figure 17, what are we seeing in the background, and in which direction are we looking.

Mr. Barbour said you are looking to the north, and behind the mushroom shaped building you can see the tower of the old State Capitol Building. He said this is a great picture of the Butler backyard, noting the Butler and Beach families still live in the area and were very enthusiastic about the excavations, so they provided some family photographs, more of which will be in the final report. He said the mushroom shaped building became the Highway Department building, and there are some great aerial photographs later on that show a beautiful parking lot in the back yard of that building.

### **Gary Funkhouser**

Gary Funkhouser said he had no comments.

### **Vice-Chair Monahan**

Vice-Chair Monahan said she wondered about the vaulted septic system that he found, which is shown on page 48, and asked if it was destroyed in the construction phase of that lot, or if those are preserved.

Mr. Barbour said part of it is preserved. He said some of the upper courses of the brickwork had been taken out, and the human waste still inside was sent to Southern Colorado to Paleo Research to do the copper light analysis. He said he wrote this report in January before the analysis was done, and those results will be in the final report. He said all of the analysis has been done at this point, and now it is a matter of wrapping it back into the information we had on the previous report, as well as expanding on earlier interpretations.

Responding to Vice-Chair Monahan, Mr. Barbour said it is a modern day picture of the structure before we "cracked the nut open as it were."

Vice-Chair Monahan asked if he found it in this condition, and Mr. Barbour said yes.

Vice-Chair Monahan complimented Mr. Barbour on the thoroughness of the report, and the readability and tying it to the prior information. She looks forward to the next.

Mr. Barbour said you will be seeing something from the Capitol Complex Executive Office Building within the next month or so on that same neighborhood.

Mr. Eck said this discussion has let him to notice that he doesn't understand the drawing on page 49. He said as a young person, he participated in the construction of several of these. He said it indicates it is 4 meter feet, 15 ft. 2 inches. He asked, "What am I seeing over here and how does it relate to that depth."

Mr. Barbour said the measures are correct. He said what the artist has done here is to "put our site measuring, our datum measuring units, so what you see is it's from about 9 -15 meters below datum, to 5.50 meters below datum."

Mr. Eck said he understands. However, he asked if the meters here are equal to those shown below.

Mr. Barbour said no, they are different scales.

Mr. Eck said then might need to "throw a second scale in there." It has some vertical exaggeration or deflation, he is unsure which.

Mr. Barbour said, "I will fix that."

Mr. Eck said these work very, very well, noting they had a family of 12 using a single one of these, and it lasted maybe two years longer than you said it would. He said he grew up on a farm in central Kansas and this was their septic handling facility, and after it failed or was in the process of failing, it was easier to build a new one than to clean it out.

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by David Eck, with respect to Case #AR-13-12, to approve the Preliminary Report on archaeological data recovery for the construction of the State of New Mexico Executive Office Building at 402, 406, 410 and 414 Don Gaspar Avenue, located within the Historic Downtown Archaeological Review District, requested by Robert Dello-Russo, Office of Archaeological Studies, for the New Mexico General Services Division, with the correction on the number of artifacts mentioned in the various places to the final report, with a recommendation to SHPO to move forward with the Final Report.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Barbour asked if the corrections need to be made to the Preliminary Report or for the Final Report.

Mr. Eck said for the Final Report.

Mr. Ivey said since this is an interim report, the Committee is pointing out things for Mr. Barbour to bear in mind for the Final Report, and this report does not need to be corrected in this form.



Mr. Barbour said Michelle Ensey has a copy of the Report, but in the past, SHPO has always relied on this Committee's judgement and usually follow suit with the Committee recommendation.

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

*Too many people talking here at the same time to transcribe*

**F. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

There were no administrative matters.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**H. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Murphey said he spoke with the City Clerk this morning and it may be that the Mayor appoints the Chair of the Committee. He said in the meantime, Ms. Monahan will serve as the acting Chair.

Vice-Chair Monahan said during the time she has served, it has been the practice of this Committee to elect its own Chair.

Mr. Murphey said he understands, but he understands that may not be the correct practice under the rewrite. He was told that if it is silent as to who selects the Chair, then it is the Mayor's duty to appoint the Chair.

Vice-Chair Monahan asked staff to add an election of a Chair on the next meeting agenda, pending clarification that we can go forward with that.

**I. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no business from the floor.

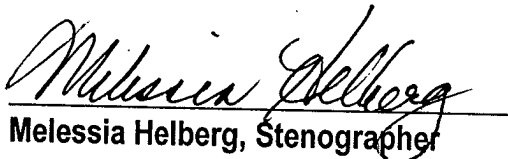
**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Jake Ivey moved, seconded by David Eck, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05 p.m.

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Tess Monahan, Vice-Chair

  
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer