



Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:00PM
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes/Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members present: Elaine Hill (Co-Chair), Chris Jech (Co-Chair), and Carol Maywood.

City Staff present: Jodie Brown and Gabriel Sleighter (PDSD), Greg Jackson (Parks and Rec).

Guests present: Demion Clinco, David Pietz

A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes/LAR: February 28, 2023

This item was not heard.

3. Presentation on a Conceptual Plan for an Arts and Culture Overlay District

Demion Clinco presented a conceptual plan for an Arts and Culture Overlay district in Fort Lowell neighborhood. He provided two different maps of the areas that could be included in a potential district. He also provided background on the process that would need to be followed to implement the overlay. He requested a positive recommendation to move forward in an exploratory manner.

Board members had several questions/comments.

- Is the overlay compatible with the bond issue?
 - Yes, the Project for Public Spaces always use the Power of 10 meaning 10 places and things to do are needed to for people to visit more than once.
- Would it change the atmosphere of the neighborhood? Imagine the mix.
 - Through a parcel basis it could give the neighborhood the opportunity to veto uses—it empowers the neighborhood.
- We would need to limit what we invite. We would need strong leadership/direction to respect history and respect artisanship.

- Concerned about the density and traffic. It is rural and maintaining that vibe is important.
 - The rural sensibility has deteriorated.
- The rest of the neighborhood is a cumulation of subdivisions facing inward, so the impact would be in the historic zone. Other subdivisions would be happy to walk to wine bar/coffee shop. Good concept but challenging.

Jech made a motion for the FLHZAB to formally adopt the concept as presented. Maywood seconded the motion. Hill suggested an amendment to the motion to state that they should say they adopt or support the exploration of this concept. Both the motion maker and the seconder agreed to the amendment. During the discussion portion, Clinco suggested that a board member be appointed to report back on progress of the overlay. Hill requested information on what the next step would be. Clinco responded that with the motion of support from FLHZAB he would go to the Ward office and provide them with a presentation on the concept and ultimately go to the city for funding which would have to be approved by Mayor and Council. Hill agreed to be the point person. Jech modified his motion to state that they formally adopting support for the exploration of this concept with Elaine as the representative from FLHZAB. Hill included that exploring the next steps should be added. Jech amended the motion to include it. Elaine seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

4. Call to the Audience

None.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18PM.