

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Heritage Conservancy Board of the Town of Clarkdale, Held on January 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Library, Clarkdale, Arizona.

A Special meeting of the Heritage Conservancy Board of the Town of Clarkdale was held on January 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Clark Memorial Library, 39 North Ninth Street, Clarkdale, Arizona.

Board Members:

Chairperson Drake Meinke
Vice Chairperson Gerald Wombacher
Linda McDonough
Jesus Valdez
Maria Tester (absent)

Staff: Admin. Assistant Charlotte Hawken

Others in attendance: No one.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Meinke called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and noted that the Boardmember Tester was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT– None.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES – Consideration of approving the minutes of the regular meeting December 19, 2007 and the special meeting on December 12, 2007.

Vice Chairperson Wombacher moved to approve the minutes as written. Boardmember Valdez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS: Administrative Assistant Hawken noted that \$139.67 had been deposited to the Conservancy donations account from the January dance refreshments.

ARIZONA OFFICE OF TOURISM GRANT – Report on the Arizona Office of Tourism grant application.

Chairperson Meinke stated that he was waiting for the Preserve America logo to be available upon approval of the application in order to use the logo on the grant project materials. He stated he would then present the project plans to this Board for a recommendation to the Town Council.

ARCHIVE – Discussion and consideration of the Town of Clarkdale Archive.

Boardmember Valdez stated that he has the two keys to the padlock on the Archive jail door. Administrative Assistant Hawken distributed draft Archive policies, procedures and forms for review by the Board members.

1932 PLANE CRASH SITE – Report on the status of the 1932 plane crash site.

Boardmember Valdez stated that the Clemenseau Museum wants an article about the plane crash site to put in their newsletter in February. He stated he is providing photographs and he has worked with Jim Byrkit on a nine-page article. Boardmember McDonough noted that the publicity for the article incorrectly states that William, III was Senator Clark’s son, rather than his grandson. It was noted that persons have to join the museum to get the newsletter. Boardmember Valdez stated that he plans to contact Travis Bone again.

MEETING DATE AND TIME – Discussion and consideration of the meeting date and time.

The Board Members agreed the next meeting will be on February 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

LANDMARK STATUS – Discussion and consideration of Landmark Status.

Chairperson Meinke stated that he gave sample applications from Jerome and other places to Boardmember Tester and they looked at the criteria. Their goal is to have approval by 2011 in order to coordinate with 2012 centennial activities.

CEMETERY PROJECT – Discussion and consideration of the cemetery as a historical entity.

Boardmember Valdez stated he is concentrating on the three Elk’s club sections of the cemetery. Phelps Dodge owned the property and had made an arrangement with the Elk’s for design and member benefits. The club may have donated funds to provide a water well and sprinkler system in order to have grass growing in the cemetery. The records of the

arrangement have subsequently been lost. It is not known whether the arrangement transferred when the Town incorporated. It was noted that the cemetery is not in the National Register of Historic Places. It is possible for it to be added and that would be a good centennial project. Public Works has the Town's cemetery records.

BENCH – Discussion and consideration of a recommendation for the placement of the bench donated by the Jerome High School Committee to be placed near the Clarkdale Heritage Museum.

Vice Chairperson Wombacher noted that that the Jerome/Mingus High School Reunion Committee had already paid for the bench and a plaque (In Memory of the Class of 1957, Mingus High School) to go on it. The members agreed that it should be placed near the Smelter Monument, looking toward the smelter. Administrative Assistant Hawken stated she had passed that information along to Public Works Director Burroughs, who is designing a landscaping plan for the Town complex, along with a request for shade/trees and a plaque with a photograph of the original smelter. Chairperson Meinke mentioned that the photograph plaque might be included in the Clarkdale Heritage Center's signs/markers project with the Arizona Office of Tourism grant that was awarded.

RESTORED FURNITURE – Discussion and consideration of protecting the Clubhouse furniture.

The Board members agreed on a budget request for protective pads all of the old wooden tables and the piano that were original to the Clubhouse. Boardmember McDonough noted that the table that was recently refinished already has marks on the top surface.

2007-2008 BUDGET – Discussion and consideration of spending the Heritage Conservancy Board 2007-2008 town budget.

It was noted that the Town has imposed a 10% reduction in its current budget. There may be some archive expenses to come. The members agreed to wait to consider any projects.

CLARKDALE HERITAGE CENTER REQUEST – Discussion and consideration of a request from the Clarkdale Heritage Center to use items from the Clubhouse for display purposes in the museum.

Chairperson Meinke noted the Museum Board was looking for things that might fit into the Museum to display the Town's and Clubhouse's history. Boardmember McDonough noted that they needed to be sure the Center has adequate insurance. She stated she understands the need to have items in the museum, but all items need to be in defined exhibits with a theme. She suggested an exhibit of the Ladies Lounge furnishings placed in a room, such as the green room, with no access to the public. It could be viewed from the doorway. The exhibit would include photographs of and information about the original room and furnishings.

Boardmember McDonough moved to recommend to Council to approve the creation of displays in the Clarkdale Heritage Museum using Clubhouse furnishings and other items as agreed upon in a written exhibit plan by an Exhibit Committee consisting of Heritage Conservancy Board and Clarkdale Heritage Center Board members. Vice Chairperson Wombacher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Boardmember McDonough noted that the portrait, as a Bates photograph, would be treated as a document and only a copy could be displayed. At one time it hung above the Men's Lounge fireplace. The portrait was restored by the Clubhouse Restoration Committee at John's Design.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Plane crash site report.
2. Cemetery as a historical entity.
3. Archive policies and procedures.
4. Recommend original cemetery records be put in the Archive and a copy be used by Public Works.
5. Recommendation about policy on historical Clubhouse and other town furnishings.
6. Archive furnishings.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ **SUBMITTED:** _____
 Drake Meinke, Chairperson Charlotte Hawken, Administrative Assistant