

The University of New Mexico
Historic Preservation Committee
Monthly Meeting
Hodgin Hall
August 6, 2018
11 am to 12:30 pm

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Members Present: Al Sena, Patrick Hogan, Audra Bellmore, Portia Vescio, Kim Feldman.

Additional Attendees: Maxine Marks.

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Hodgin Hall Discussion: Kathie Scott, facility manager for both Hodgin Hall and the Alumni Chapel presented to the attendees an issue regarding the indigent population on campus that utilizes Hodgin Hall as a campsite, electronic charging station, and Hodgin's alcoves as makeshift bathrooms leaving behind the strong odor of urine and noticeable amounts of feces.

Scott indicated that Capital Projects will handle the issue, but she wanted the HPC to be apprised of the situation. A false door at the bottom of the stairs on the east façade presents an additional challenge as dirty water pools into the stairwell and through the false doors during cleaning. They are considering scissor doors made of wrought iron or a painted stucco or wood color as well as adding a concrete lip to divert dirty water to flow away from building.

Kim Feldman considers it a safety issue because people are sleeping there and leaving behind drug paraphernalia. UNM police now make rounds and have found 12 needles.

Audra Bellmore clarified that the solution would need to go through Capital Projects. She questioned what the legal issues are in terms of the rights of a public university in maintaining a clean and safe campus in a respectful way for transients.

Al Sena said that if they're causing property damage they can be removed from campus. However, people need to think ahead and consider where they will move to next. The problem can be eliminated or simply moved, but a better strategy is to eliminate the attractiveness for people to use these spaces in such unsanitary and unsafe ways.

The committee thanked Kathie Scott for the information as well as for her good stewardship of Hodgin Hall and the Alumni Chapel.

SHPO Discussion:

Audra Bellmore shared that she visited SHPO and stated that she would like to send letters regarding HPC business as soon as possible. They should be kept informed of campus issues that might require their guidance and input, including the murals in Zimmerman Library. The content of the letter was discussed at the previous HPC meeting.

Patrick Hogan reminded the committee that there are laws applicable, including the Cultural Properties Protection Act, and a general state one for New Mexico. Additionally, Section 7 of the Historic and Prehistoric state laws would be applicable to any protected properties on campus. Al Sena added that Section 5050 regards planning, design, and construction and could possibly require PPD's input for architectural plans and bidding for project proposals. Portia Vescio suggested that an insurance appraisal might be useful and could possibly be found in the Zimmerman book of artworks.

Meeting concluded at 12:30 pm.