

HPC Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018
11 am to Noon
Waters Room, Zimmerman Library

Agenda

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Item 2: Discussion of SHPO reviews and interpretations of UNM Preservation Plan

- Addressing UNM Preservation Plan Heritage zone
- Revisiting MOUs and defining a relationship of oversight with UNM HPC and SHPO

Item 3: Finalize recommendation for Anthropology gate replacement (Leroy Duarte update)

Item 4: Main Entry Garden of Zimmerman Library (Margaret Menache)

Item 5: President's House Security Camera SHPO approval to proceed

Item 6: Review plans for Johnson Center (Taudy Miller update)

Attendees: Pat Hogan, Taudy Miller, Audra Bellmore (telephonically), Ellen Babcock, Kim Feldman, Al Sena, Francisco Uviña, Maxine Marks

Guests: Margaret Menache, retired faculty

Group agrees to move Agenda Item 4 to beginning of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Margaret Menache, retired faculty is working on Casterter Garden and landscape architecture project with Chris Wilson for independent study. She is creating a cultural landscape report and needs photos to identify plants, particularly on the south side of the garden which used to be the main entrance to Zimmerman Library. Audra Bellmore offers help and suggest that Margaret look at Zimmerman's national register nomination, archives of the American Horticultural Garden Society, and auto tour guides from the 1940's. Audra also thinks that Margaret's work on Casterter Garden could be used for development purposes. Margaret said that the garden would benefit from a maintenance plan, restoration plan, and signage. Kim Feldman suggested contacting the campus sustainability program. Pat Hogan suggested the university archivist. Audra Bellmore suggested the CSWR vertical files. Margaret Menache said that Tim Lowry and Chris Wilson will do a walkthrough of her map in a few weeks. Francisco Uviña suggested that the HPC revisit her project in the next few months to look at signage.

Agenda Item 1: Deferred to next meeting

Agenda Item 2: Pat Hogan has not heard back from HPD regarding Smith Union plaza renovations and the 106 environmental permit issues. Hogan explained that the HPC needs to consider how to handle consultations with the EPA and that the HPD will tell us what will happen and needs to include us in the consultation. The renovations will take out four boxes, but only one tree. Taudy Miller reminded the committee that Smith Plaza is not a heritage zone and that the plans were shared with the HPC. Additionally, there are mixed messages about how the university adheres to guidelines because Union Plaza was not called out specifically as a tier site and things need to be clear. Section 106 reviews are complicated including grading and drainage plans and perhaps city permits. Audra Bellmore wondered when SHPO reviewed the plans. Taudy Miller suggested an MOU with SHPO so there is better communication. General discussion ensued about how to deal with exteriors and who came up with the tiers. Taudy Miller indicated that it was the architect, Roger Lujan. Audra Bellmore said that it was also Chris Wilson. Taudy Miller said that an upcoming issue is restoration of the Duck Pond. Audra Bellmore suggested we invite SHPO for another meeting. Pat Hogan said that there is a meeting planned for next

month, but that we need to be clear on our issues. His experience with SHPO through contract archaeology was strong and efficient because of a mutual trust. Pat Hogan said that Taudy Miller is right in that we need to formalize a plan for consultation and follow it. Taudy Miller added that this would make sure SHPO is in the loop and that we know what their expectations are for a state-owned entity. Audra Bellmore asked if SHPO was treating the historic preservation plan as a district. Pat Hogan indicated that they would like to treat central campus as an historic district via heritage zones as contributing zones. Audra Bellmore says that the historic preservation plan is not in lieu of a district nomination. Pat Hogan says that state cultural properties law requires university as a state agency to consult with SHPO when historic properties are affected. Technically, that is just listed properties but SHPO is shifting it to eligible properties. Taudy Miller suggested that we dive into the heritage plan and come back together in April with what the group would want to present to SHPO and prepare it for June. Pat Hogan says that what they want is a contact in administration, not the HPC. Taudy Miller, Al Sena, Pat Hogan, and Francisco think having a conversation with SHPO would be productive. Francisco Uviña and Pat Hogan clarify that the plaza is not on the national register, but it is eligible. Taudy Miller says that heritage zones are part of the master plan for campus and that our master plan acknowledges it only in a cursory way. We need to come up with what we want to do and if SHPO wants to do it differently, then we can have a conversation. Pat Hogan says that the tone of the plan is holistic, they want not just the buildings considered, but also the space and landscaping. Francisco Uviña asked if there might be similar or related issues with the Duck Pond. Pat Hogan indicated that SHPO is concerned the several different views will be affected, including the Duck Pond. Taudy Miller related that the point of contact has historically been the university architect and that there needs to be a landscape architect on staff to be the point of contact for SHPO.

Pat Hogan added that it was interesting that SHPO was talking about "period of significance," the 30's and 40's, yet the landscaping plan did not include these corridors of the former streets. Taudy Miller said that she could get the plans. Generally, both the UNM architect and the current UNM master plan recognizes the importance of the basic relationship of building to open space.

Discussion moved back to considering how to communicate with SHPO about plan guidelines. Francisco Uviña suggested that we email them. Al Sena wondered if SHPO would be willing to put their issues in writing. Pat Hogan said that Jeff Pappas was more concerned about communicating with the university than simply just the plaza. Al Sena said that perhaps they want notice before major plans. Pat Hogan suggested that we could a plan and indicate that we would honor the plan for registered buildings, but if we see major departures from that plan, we could exert more authority. Al Sena said that there are a lot of considerations and undue restrictions can be problematic. Taudy Miller added that the HPC occupies a unique political pathway. Pat Hogan added that we need balance with development and need to carefully select the most important issues. Pat Hogan identifies two issues from the group discussion: a) HPC needs to address how we deal with landscaping b) HPC needs to get ahead of the curve with guidelines.

Agenda Item 3: Taudy Miller said that Francisco Uviña came up with designs trying to resolve the issue and that he and Leroy went to see the gates at the Anthropology building. Francisco Uviña said that a 2-inch flat bar can be utilized to insert pieces with a grid pattern. Also, the hinges could be replaced on the gate.

Announcements: Kim Feldman said that there is DH Lawrence lecture on April 5 at Continuing Education. The Saturday portion is at Harwood and includes a development lunch and tour.

Ellen Babcock asked if the committee would consider meeting at 9am instead of 11am. Maxine Marks will send out survey to see if this is possible.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm