

UNM Board of Regents'
Historic Preservation Committee
July 14, 2020 Agenda
Zoom Meeting 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Committee Members Present: Audra Bellmore, Marilyn Strube, Amy Coburn, Al Sena, Portia Vescio, Raymond Armijo, Francisco Uviña, Patrick Hogan, Gregg Way, Baker Morrow

Guests: Greg Hughes, Mike Chicarelli, Lisa Marbury, Kate Becker, Kristen Johnson, Teresa Constantinidis, Jim Graf, Vicente Castillo, Douglas Brooks, Mark Orgeron, Terry Babbitt

Item 1: Approval of Agenda (Chair & Committee)

Agenda is approved by acclamation.

Item 2: Minutes Approval, June 2020 (Chair & Committee)

Baker Morrow moves to approve minutes and Amy Coburn seconds the motion. Minutes are approved by acclamation.

Item 3: North Campus Physics & Astronomy Building (Broaddus & Associates)

Greg Hughes of Broaddus & Associates presented a consultancy report to address the historic preservation issues related to demolishing the Physics and Astronomy building on north campus (UNM building number 255). Mr. Hughes shared references from the UNM Getty Plan and emphasized that the building is not on the National or State Registers. Mr. Hughes shared that the consultancy report concluded the building does not have significant relevance or importance and is not eligible for the registers.

Discussion amongst the committee included clarification on the review process. Audra Bellmore expressed concern about reviewing a project when the eligibility of the building is yet undetermined by the State Office of Historic Preservation.

Kate Becker expressed confusion about the order of things and when they need to go to SHPO. Ms. Becker reminded the committee that in December they were told to get a consultant and thought they were supposed to go to SHPO first.

Audra Bellmore confirmed that those were proper actions, but that the HPC only advises and legal determinations are made by the state. This particular project includes two separate issues: eligibility of the building and the actual project.

Francisco Uviña asked Greg Hughes about the source of the recommendations in the consultancy report. Mr. Hughes indicated that Kristen Johnson prepared the report. Kristen Johnson clarified that the report recommends ineligibility, but only SHPO can determine eligibility.

Amy Coburn suggested that the committee send this to SHPO. Al Sena wondered if SHPO sends it back as eligible, would there be other hurdles to go through.

Mike Chicarelli added that HUD is the lead federal agency asking SHPO to concur on eligibility status with no historic properties affected. Mike Chicarelli asked if the recommendation materials could be sent now along with a cover letter from HUD. Amy Coburn agreed to send the materials to SHPO with a cover letter from the HPC and the HUD letter. Amy confirmed that she will put a cover letter on the packet with Hud letter.

Item 4: University House Stucco Repairs (Jim Graf, Vigil & Associates)

Jim Graf shared a recommendation to repair the stucco on University House.

Francisco Uviña asked if they had an actual price of repairs. Brian Scharmer responded that they have raw construction costs. Mr. Uviña expressed concern with the budget because of extreme cutbacks caused by the pandemic. He added that the viga repairs should perhaps be done before the stucco.

Amy Coburn agreed that these are a couple of sets of projects and hopefully the HPC can accept the stucco recommendation from Vigil & Associates, then move it on to SHPO.

Discussion continued around concerns about cost. The committee would like SHPO to weigh in on the preferred stucco material for the repairs.

Item 5: Preliminary Discussion on Shade Coverings for Zimmerman Murals (Terry Babbitt)

Terry Babbitt shared an estimate for installation of motorized roller shades to be installed over the Kenneth Adams murals in Zimmerman Library. The committee requested a formal proposal for HPC review.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45 pm.