

**Historic Design Review Committee  
February 24, 2016  
Meeting Record**

**Members Present**

Becky Smith, Committee Chair  
Steven Shelendich, Vice-Chair  
Suzanne Gershenson, Committee Member  
Jaime Embick, Secretary

**Others Present**

Diana Ingalls-Leyba, Applicant's Representative  
Rita Abeyta  
Mischa Larisch

**Members Absent**

Tracy Spikes, Committee Member

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Suzanne moved to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular meeting with a correction in the second sentence on the second page changing it to; Becky stated that the point is to explore other alternatives to demolition. Steven seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of 4/0.

**New Business:**

None

**Public Hearings:**

**MU 16-01:** Mural Permit Application for a mural at 1106 Pope Street by the Mimbres Region Arts Council. Diana Ingalls-Leyba is the applicant.

Ms. Leyba stated that the mural will be a MRAC project on the Town-owned gas station on Pope Street. The shade over the pumps has been designed to look like trees and this mural project will create the leaves. It will be installed in conjunction with Comcast Cares. The leaves will be made of mural cloth and painted over with a clear coat.

Becky asked how long the mural will last before repairs are needed. Ms. Leyba stated that it will last several years with the clear coat. She also stated that the funding they use may only be received four years at a time so they will use every fourth year as a scheduled maintenance year for murals.

Suzanne moved to approve the Mural Permit Application as submitted. Jaime seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of 4/0.

**Community/Public Input:**

Rita Abeyta stated that she would like to discuss the six-month waiting period that the committee has imposed on her demolition request for the residence at 205 South Arizona Street. Steven stated that if the residence was renovated, demolition of a fair part of the structure would have to happen. He thinks that the roof structure is questionable as well as the walls that are failing. Ms.

Abeyta stated that the neighbor on the north-side filled in the area with dirt to plant trees and that is when the wall began to fail. Steven stated that the additions to the residence were never built well, however, the rock foundation and portions of the adobe are well built. In his opinion, the rock foundation and some adobe would be all that was savable. He stated that Ms. Abeyta could save the building but not much of it. He also stated that an adobe residence could be built in the same layout on the lot as the building can't be saved but the footprint can be.

Suzanne stated that the neighbor moving the dirt against the wall was the first critical error and that as a builder she thinks that in order to restore the residence a lot would have to be re-done.

Jaime presented a memo from Town Attorney, Robert Scavron, regarding the six-month waiting period. She also presented a staff report stating that the research has been done on this structure and that the Town has no further input. As a result of the legal opinion of the Town Attorney and the lack of authority of the Committee to prevent demolition, she stated that Ms. Abeyta may now pursue a demolition permit from the Building Official.

**Committee Input:**

The Committee discussed revising the Historic Overlay Zoning District section of the Land Use Code at an upcoming April meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Steven moved to adjourn the meeting and Jaime seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of 4/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

**Approved:**

Becky Smith,

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_