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5 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
6 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
7 **SPECIAL MEETING**
8 **THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**
9 **10:00 A.M.**

10 **IN PERSON AT THE MESILLA COMMUNITY CENTER, 2251 CALLE DE SANTIAGO (SPACE IS**
11 **LIMITED) OR VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 983-7900-0389 PASSWORD**
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15 **TRUSTEES:** Nora Barraza, Mayor
16 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
17 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
18 Jesus Caro, Trustee (via zoom)
19 Veronica Garcia, Trustee (via zoom)
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21 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
22 Larry Shannon, Community Development
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25 **PUBLIC:** Eric Liefeld Davie Salas
26 Yolanda Lucero CW Buddy Ritter
27 Sam Caldera, SJC Barry LaBench, SJC
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30 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

31 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

32 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

33 **Roll Call.**

34 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Garcia
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36 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

37 **Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**
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39 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).

40 Mayor ProTem Johnson-Burick Yes
41 Trustee Caro Yes
42 Trustee Arzabal Yes
43 Trustee Garcia Yes
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45 **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON TWO APPEALS OF A DECISION MADE BY THE PLANNING, ZONING**
46 **AND HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION:**

47 **Motion: To close regular meeting and go into public hearing, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-**
48 **Burick, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.**

1 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

2 Mayor ProTem Johnson-Burick Yes

3 Trustee Caro Yes

4 Trustee Arzabal Yes

5 Trustee Garcia Yes

7 a) **A Public Hearing:** Case 061099– 23230 Calle de Santiago, submitted by Martha Liefeld; a
8 request for a zoning permit to allow the installation of coyote fences and a stucco wall
9 around a property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).

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11 Mr. Liefeld told the Trustees that his letter is included in the packet with his reasons for appeal. Mr.
12 Liefeld felt as though the Town could not force him into an agreement with a neighboring property [sic.
13 Right of Entry Form].

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15 Commissioner Lucero and Salas stated that the reason the P&Z denied the case was due to there not
16 being a Right of Entry Form in the packet and that it was incomplete.

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18 Mayor Barraza stated that the Trustees had gotten an Attorney's opinion and read details from it.

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20 b) **A Public Hearing:** Case 061218 – 2355 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Buddy Ritter for
21 the “Double Eagle Restaurant; a request for a zoning permit to allow a retracting cloth
22 awning to be installed over the entrance walkway to the Double Eagle Restaurant. Zoned:
23 Historic Commercial (HC).

24 Commissioners Lucero and Salas stated that the reason the P&Z denied the case was that it would
25 damage the adobe of a historically significant structure and that the proposed awning does not fit in with
26 the development zone 18.33.

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28 Mr. Ritter stated that these types of awnings have been in Mesilla for years. There are historical
29 photographs of Mesilla Plaza shops utilizing these types of awnings.

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31 Mr. Sam Caldera of SJC, Mr. Ritter's installer for the awning, demonstrated to the Trustees and the two
32 present Commissioners that the awning is held into the wall by two bolts with a metal bracket that does
33 not impact the integrity of the adobe. The only installation into the adobe is the two screws.

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35 Commissioner Salas questioned as to how the bolts would hold in adobe because until they drill into the
36 wall, they will not know if they will hold.

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38 The Trustees asked additional questions regarding the installation process for the awning and the color
39 and the placement of the proposed awning.

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41 **Motion: To close public hearing and go back into regular meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem**
42 **Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.**

43 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

44 Mayor ProTem Johnson-Burick Yes

45 Trustee Caro Yes

46 Trustee Arzabal Yes

47 Trustee Garcia Yes

1 **5. FOR CONSIDERATION: TWO APPEALS OF A DECISION MADE BY THE PLANNING,**
2 **ZONING AND HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION:**

3 Mayor Barraza made a statement about how the vote would work. Because the Town takes a roll call
4 vote, she will also place her vote on the following items.

- 5 a) **For Approval/Disapproval:** Case 061099– 23230 Calle de Santiago, submitted by Martha
6 Liefeld; a request for a zoning permit to allow the installation of coyote fences and a stucco
7 wall around a property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). ****After a roll call**
8 **vote of the above appeal, a resolution stating the board’s decision and justification**
9 **shall be approved at the next Board of Trustee meeting****

10 **Motion: To support the P&Z decision, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee**
11 **Arzabal.**

12 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 5).

13 Mayor ProTem Johnson-Burick Yes

14 Trustee Caro Yes

15 Trustee Arzabal Yes

16 Trustee Garcia Yes

17 Mayor Barraza Yes

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19 b) **For Approval/Disapproval:** Case 061218 – 2355 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Buddy
20 Ritter for the “Double Eagle Restaurant; a request for a zoning permit to allow a retracting
21 cloth awning to be installed over the entrance walkway to the Double Eagle Restaurant.
22 Zoned: Historic Commercial (HC). ****After a roll call vote of the above appeal, a**
23 **resolution stating the board’s decision and justification shall be approved at the next**
24 **Board of Trustee meeting****

25 **Motion: To allow Mr. Ritter to install his awning, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
26 **Caro.**

27 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4, No = 1).

28 Mayor ProTem Johnson-Burick Yes

29 Trustee Caro Yes

30 Trustee Arzabal Yes

31 Trustee Garcia Yes

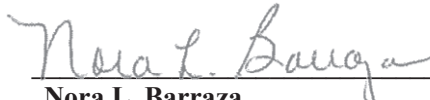
32 Mayor Barraza No

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34 **6. ADJOURNMENT**


35 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-5).**

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37 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:19 A.M.**

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39 **APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY 2021.**

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43 **Nora L. Barraza**
44 **Mayor**

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47 **ATTEST:**

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50 **Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez**
51 **Town Clerk/Treasurer**
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