



BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

TOWN OF MESILLA

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Nora Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee
Adrianna Merrick, Trustee

STAFF: Rani Bush, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Enrique Salas, Marshal
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Crystal Davis-Whited Greg Whited
Andy Embury G. Klebansky
Dawn Duncan Ron Scott
Brittany Bloch Johnny Talley
Badar Jouda J Jouda

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Merrick.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

4. PRESENTATION

a) Animal Companions of Las Cruces

Ms. Duncan gave a presentation on Animal Companions of Las Cruces.

Mayor Barraza stated the service is needed in the community.

5. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

No Public Input

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk *)

Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

a) *BOT MINUTES - Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 12, 2022 *Approved by consent agenda*

7. STAFF REPORTS

a) Transportation Project Fund Agreements and Colonias Matching Funds - Rod McGillivray

Mr. McGillivray reviewed the Transportation Project Fund Agreements (\$234,624.07 and \$64,500.00) and Colonias Matching Funds (\$67,587.00). The Town of Mesilla currently has ten projects.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) For Approval: BL #1005 – 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Jouda of Cannabis Tropic LLC for Cannabis license, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC).

Motion: To approve BL #1005 – 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Jouda of Cannabis Tropic LLC for Cannabis license, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Merrick.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated the State Statute states that shops must be at least 300 ft. apart, town ordinance reads that the 300 ft. can be from any wall of the licensed premises. This allows picking and choosing what walls will be used. Commissioner Jones stated the explanation of the wall to wall was

ambiguous, but he did support it. She wants to get all the comments and information made by the PZHAC so she can make an informed decision. Concerned with liability issues. She understands the New Mexico Municipal League attorney was contacted; would have liked Mr. Cervantes' input.

Mayor Barraza stated State Statute was changed to 100 ft.; the 300 ft. is the distance from schools or church. The state reviewed and approved the application. We knew the state would be making changes once it started moving forward. The ordinance was created by the board with input from PZHAC and residents; if it is ambiguous then we need to correct it. Applicants can not be held up as there is an ordinance in place.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated our ordinance reads no less than 300 ft. of any wall. The closest wall is less than 300 ft.

Mayor Barraza responded the distance is 298 ft. The attorney interpreted to be any wall which then meets the requirement of 300 ft.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated if there is a tie vote the mayor would not be able to vote as she participated in the PZHAC meeting.

Mayor Barraza responded she answered questions and would be able to vote.

Trustee Merrick stated she arrived at the tail end of the meeting.

Trustee Garcia stated she was involved since she is on the Architectural Style Committee. The ordinance does read the applicant may chose the wall; does not show how to measure the distance. Agrees the ordinance should be amended. The applicant hired someone to do the measuring.

Trustee Merrick asked Mr. Padilla if the distance is 300 ft.

Mr. Padilla responded yes.

Trustee Cadena stated we need to deal with facts. We are decision makers and are responsible for this town. We are not full-time employees, so we need know that what we are getting are the facts. Cases are be put on the consent agenda when there are questions. She believes this is frustrating for the applicant. We are trying to do right for our citizens. She believes that the Town of Mesilla wanted a change when she won against an incumbent. She referenced issues that have come up with other cases. She asked Mr. Padilla if the two locations share anything.

Mr. Padilla responded no. The applicant previously wanted a combined cannabis and smoke shop but has since removed the smoke shop from the application.

Trustee Cadena stated so this meets the ordinance; she does not want it coming back to them.

Mr. Padilla responded he is the one that gathers the information which he provides to the committee and PZHAC. If you don't trust staff, the Architectural Style Committee or PZHAC then maybe the board should be doing it.

Trustee Cadena responded we are not the experts, Mr. Padilla is.

Mr. Padilla stated he is the one that gathers the information and provides the facts to the committee and the commission. From one business establishment, walking, to the other it is 380 ft. The applicant has provided supporting documentation requested by PZHAC. Referenced the map.

Trustee Cadena asked if there is a door.

Mr. Padilla responded there is no backdoor to the location.

Trustee Cadena stated she would like for the conditions and reasons why it was approved or disapproved to be on the Board Action Form.

Trustee Garcia asked to that they get back to the subject.

Mayor Barraza called for the question. This was submitted and approved by the State; met all the requirements.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

b) For Approval: BL #1006 – 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Juda of Cannabis Tropic LLC for business license, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC).

Motion: To approve BL #1006 – 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Jouda of Cannabis Tropic LLC for business license, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia asked about the street parking.

Mayor Barraza responded the applicant will not get a license until he pays the mandatory \$100 parking fee.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

c) For Approval: Sign Permit #0611433 – 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Jouda of Cannabis Tropical LLC to put up temporary “Coming Soon” sign in the window, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC).

Motion: To approve Sign Permit #0611433 - 2060 Calle de Parian submitted by Bader Jouda of Cannabis Tropic LLC to put up temporary “Coming Soon” sign in the window, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia stated she understands the sign will be on the window and asked how long the sign will be in place.

Mayor Barraza responded the sign will be placed on the inside of the window.

Mr. Padilla responded the sign may be up for 90 days and there is no fee assessed.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated the permit fee reads \$4.00.

Mr. Padilla responded the fee is based on the size but there is no fee for a temporary sign.

Trustee Garcia asked if he has started anything.

Mr. Padilla responded no.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

d) For Approval: PZHAC Case #061442 – 2755 Calle de San Albino submitted by ETMSS 2, LLC to replace fence, **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061442 – 2755 Calle de San Albino submitted by ETMSS 2, LLC to replace fence, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

e) For Approval: BL #1018 – 626 N. Alameda Blvd, Las Cruces submitted by Melissa Clark of Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a business license, **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Mayor Barraza stated property manager has her office on Alameda but needs a business license to perform duties in the Town of Mesilla.

Motion: To approve BL #1018 – 626 N Alameda Blvd, Las Cruces submitted by Melissa Clark of Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a business license, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.

Trustee Garcia stated she understands the manager can have a business in Mesilla but does not have to have a residence in Mesilla.

Mayor Barraza responded her home office is in Las Cruces and she will be overseeing Short Term Rentals in Mesilla.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick asked if the address should be changed.

Mr. Padilla responded the business license will reflect the correct information.

Mayor Barraza stated each location will need its own business license.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

f) For Approval: STR #1019 – 1717 W Boutz Rd. #3 submitted by Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve STR #1019 – 1717 W Boutz Rd. #3 submitted by Desert Sky Realty & investments, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

- g) For Approval: STR #1020 – 1717 W Boutz Rd. #4 submitted by Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve STR #1020 – 1717 W Boutz Rd. #4 submitted by Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

- h) For Approval: STR #1021 – 2188 Calle de Norte submitted by Desert Sky Realty & Investment, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve STR #1021 – 2188 Calle de Norte submitted by Desert Sky Realty & Investments, LLC for a Short-Term Rental (STR) registration, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

- i) For Approval: PZHAC Case #061446 – 2415 Calle de Parian submitted by Robert Reynolds to install HVAC system, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061446 – 2415 Calle de Parian submitted by Robert Reynolds to install HVAC system, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Barraza reviewed the plans to install HVAC system.

Mr. Padilla reviewed the list of materials and location of system.

Mayor Barraza asked if the vents, ducts would be inside or overhead.

Mr. Padilla responded they will be on the outside below the parapet line.

Mayor Barraza stated on older buildings roofs were not made to accommodate the duct work.

Trustee Garcia requested more clarification on further cases.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

j) For Approval: PZHAC Case #061447 – 2525 Calle de Parian submitted by Camila Rodriguez to install roof mounted solar system, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061447 – 2525 Calle de Parian submitted by Camila Rodriguez to install roof mounted solar system, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustee Garcia asked if it will be seen from the street.

Mr. Padilla responded no.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

k) For Approval: Sign Permit #061448 – 2309 Calle de San Albino #3 submitted by Marshall McGinley to put up temporary sign in door and side window, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC).

Motion: To approve Sign Permit #061448 – 2309 Calle de San Albino #3 submitted by Marshall McGinley to put up temporary sign in door and side window, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

l) For Approval: Sign Permit #061449 - 2309 Calle de San Albino #3 submitted by Marshall McGinley to put up exterior double-sided sign, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC).

Motion: To approve Sign Permit #061449* - 2309 Calle de San Albino #3 submitted by Marshall McGinley to put up exterior double- sided sign, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia asked if this is a temporary sign and will not be placed on the window.

Mayor Barraza responded this will be a permanent sign and not on the window.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick asked if the sign fee is \$9.76.

Mayor Barraza responded the fee is based on dimensions.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick suggested revisiting the sign permit fees.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

m) For Approval: **PZHAC Case #061451** – 1901 Calle de Correo submitted by Brittany Bloch to build phase two of Black Rat Tattoo, **Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC)**.

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061451 – 1901 Calle de Correro submitted by Brittany Bloch to build phase two of Black Rat Tattoo, Zoned: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Barraza stated this is for Phase II; both structures were approved by the Board of Trustees in 2019 with a condition that a breezeway would be installed to connect the casita.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated there is a new contractor and the plans submitted are different from the original plans. The concerns at that time were with ponding, having a residential property with a commercial property, setbacks, sidewalks. She stated that PZHAC may not know the history of this application and what was required when it was approved in 2019. As she stated allowing a residential property in a commercial zone will set a precedence.

Mayor Barraza stated the information in the packet is the same information presented to PZHAC, case also when through the Architectural Style Committee. She asked the applicant if any changes had been made to the original plans.

Mr. Tally stated as far as he knows, no changes were not made to the original plans. They ensured fence would not go over the property line.

Mayor Barraza asked if the casita is going to be an Airbnb/STR as previously presented.

Ms. Bloch responded it will be used as an Airbnb/STR.

Mayor Barraza asked if this information was provided to PZHAC.

Mr. Padilla responded yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated she does not want to get this board into a position that could have been avoided.

Trustee Garcia asked about the setback.

Ms. Bloch responded it is on the property line.

Trustee Cadena asked about sidewalks.

Mr. Padilla stated all the conditions and concerns have been reviewed with the applicant.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

n) For Approval: **BL #1015** – 1745 Avenida de Mercado submitted by Saul D Burciaga-Molinar MD of Las Cruces Primary Care for a business license, **Zoned: Commercial (C)**.

Motion: To approve BL #1015 – 1745 Avenida de Mercado submitted by Saul D Burciaga-Molinar MD of Las Cruces Primary Care for a business license, Zoned: Commercial (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia stated this is just for a license.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated the minutes (PZHAC) reflect conditions.

Mayor Barraza responded the conditions would be on the construction not on a Business License.

Mr. Padilla responded conditions were placed on the building, i.e., sidewalks, parking spaces. They have complied with the conditions.

Trustee Garcia asked about the square footage.

Mr. Padilla responded yes.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

- o) For Approval: BL #1017 – 1745 Avenida de Mercado submitted by Danna Lara of Healthy Start Pediatrics LLC for a business license, **Zoned: Commercial (C)**.**

Motion: To approve BL #1017 – 1745 Avenida de Mercado submitted by Danna Lara of Healthy Start Pediatrics LLC for a business license, Zoned: Commercial (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

- p) For Approval: PZHAC Case #061440 – 2242 Calle de Sur submitted by Henry Lucero to put up field fence on property, **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR)**.**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061440 – 2242 Calle de Sur submitted by Henry Lucero to put up field fence on property, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia stated wants to ensure it will not be a barbed wire fence.

Mr. Padilla responded barbed wire fencing material is not allowed per code. Reviewed the condition and the proposed material.

Trustee Garcia asked that clarification be indicated in the information presented.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

- q) For Approval: BL #1027 – SW Mesilla Dam Trail 5 Mile submitted by Dina Marre for a business license for house cleaning, **Zoned: Commercial (C)**.**

Mayor Barraza stated Ms. Marre will be working within the Town of Mesilla.

Motion: To approve BL #1027 – SW Mesilla Dam Trail 5 Mile submitted by Dina Marre for a business license for house cleaning, Zoned: Commercial (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

r) For Approval: PZHAC Case#061454 – 2128 Calle de Los Huertos submitted by Helen Williamson Revocable Trust to relocate well water circuit, Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061454 – 2128 Calle de Los Huertos submitted by Helen Williamson Revocable Trust to relocate well water circuit, Zoned: Historical Residential (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

s) For Approval: Third Amendment to the Transportation Project Fund (FY19 LGTPF Calle del Norte Multi Use Path Phase II) for shortfall funding in the amount of \$65,400.

Motion: To approve Third Amendment to the Transportation Project Fund (FY19 LGTPF Calle de Norte Multi Use Path Phase II) for shortfall funding in the amount of \$65,400., Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

t) For Approval: Second Amendment to the Transportation Project Fund (FY22 TPF Calle del Picacho Roadway Improvements) for shortfall funding in the amount of \$234,624.07.

Motion: To approve Second Amendment to the Transportation Project Fund (FY22 TPF Calle del Picacho Roadway Improvements) for shortfall funding in the amount of 4234,624.07., Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

u) For Approval: Resolution 2022-14 Grant Agreement with NMDOT FY23 Transportation Project Fund for the redevelopment of Calle de Santiago Bridge for \$468,656.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2022-14 Grant Agreement with NMDOT FY23 Transportation Project Fund for the redevelopment of Calle de Santiago Bridge for \$468,656., Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

v) For Approval: Resolution 2022-16 Colonias Matching Funds

Motion: To approve Resolution 2022-16 Colonias Matching Funds, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Merrick: MPO cancelled due to lack of quorum

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO cancelled due to lack of quorum

Trustee Garcia: Architectural Style Committee on Tuesday

Mayor Barraza: Webex (Broadband in rural areas), Architectural Style Committee on Tuesday, Department Head Meeting with Senator Hamlin, SCCOG Meeting on Friday, planning an STRTD presentation to the board.

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Hoban stated they have received the new apparatus which is parked outside the town hall.

Trustee Cadena stated the fiesta was well attended; thanked staff for their hard work. She appreciates the staff; this has been a learning curve. She has asked about the PZHAC terms. Read 18.06.080 #4. The Board Action Form is now more informative.

Mayor Barraza stated that is for Special Use Permit, Zone Changes, and Subdivision applications.

Trustee Garcia stated the fiesta was beautiful and very successful. We would not have the beautiful town that we have if it weren't for everyone especially Public Works. She understands that 2nd COVID monies will be given out this week. She will address the letter received at the next board meeting; we base our vote on the ordinances. The Architectural Style Committee does not vote, they ensure packets are complete to move forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated she disagrees with the letter received from a PZHC member saying that we are a dysfunctional board. We ask questions to make informative decisions and do our due diligence. We are exercising what we were elected to do. Every approval will not be a blanket approval. Thanked Commissioner Walkinshaw for his professionalism. Read letter Thanked the board and staff for all they do.

Trustee Merrick stated she enjoys working with staff. Mr. Padilla answers questions that she has. PZHAC is a vital position. We do not feel anyone is incompetent. The fiesta was a great success. Her goal is to make Mesilla prosper. Recommended the possibility of compensating PZHAC.

Mayor Barraza agreed the fiesta was a success, a team effort. The town won the Best Float trophy this year. Ms. Sellers is working on the Halloween Carnival. ARC Pay Enhancement will be done this week. They will be reviewing the budget and looking at a pay increase for Public Works within 30 days; will be brought to board for approval. GRT is steadily coming in. Approval of Business Licenses means more revenue for the town. Board of Trustee meeting scheduled for October 11th has been cancelled, next scheduled meeting is on October 24th. PZHAC meetings were changed to 6:00 p.m.; there was not a change in attendance so they would like to go back to 2:30 p.m. meetings.

Trustee Merrick stated people work so we need to make it feasible.

Mayor Barraza stated most of the applicants are present with no issue.

Trustee Garcia stated she prefers 6:00 p.m. and would like to try it out for at least two months.

Mayor Barraza stated commissioners were concerned that they were not asked about the change. They have indicated ZOOM does not work well.

Trustee Garcia reiterated it should we should give it at least two months. She asked about revisiting the ordinance.

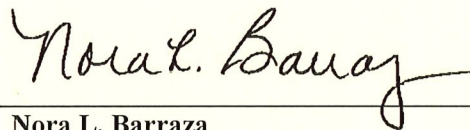
Mayor Barraza responded it does need to be amended, i.e., attendance. She is grateful to staff. I have high expectations for our staff for serving our residents and Business Owners. The approach taken at the last meeting was harsh. Reviewed the application process. Concerns and basics should have been address prior to coming to Board of Trustees. There are a lot of opinions in the meetings. Suggested the possibility of doing away with the Architectural Style Committee as well as the PZHAC and giving it all to the Board of Trustees since we have the final say. She is looking at placing cases under New Business for discussion instead of on the Consent Agenda.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.



Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

ATTEST:



Rani Bush
Town Clerk-Treasurer

