



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**THE PLANNING, ZONING AND  
HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION (PZHAC)  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 2:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairpeson Lucero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Eddie Salazar-Community Development Coordinator took roll call.

Commissioner Jones – Present  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Present  
Chairperson Lucero – Present  
Commissioner Salas – Present  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Present

Madam Chair you have a quorum

**3. CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Walkinshaw and seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero - Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0 Motion passes.**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Trina Witter- had 2 questions; Why are the last 2 minutes not included in the previous website, that would be 1/17/23 and the 2/6/23? Last PZHAC meeting there was a motion to move PZHAC meeting time to 6pm in the evening as was suppose to be discussed at the last BOT and was not.

Kathrine Walkinshaw (Commissioner Walkinshaw's wife) Wanted to echo Trina Witter about the discussion on moving the PZHAC meeting to 6pm. It was not a show a hands but a formal vote 3 people to move to 6 o'clock and 2 were against. Wanted to know why that has not happened yet. Would get more public participations in these meetings.

Jeff McBride noted the agenda was not posted online this week either, hard to know what we can say if it is not online.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

a. \*PZHAC MINUTES: January 17, 2023 & February 6, 2023

**Motion to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Salas  
Second- Commissioner Jones**

**Discussion**

Chairperson Lucero requested correction on 2/6/23 minutes under appointment to motion to appoint Commissioner Rockstraw to Vice-Chair was made by Commissioner Salas and not Commissioner Walkinshaw. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Commissioner Walkinshaw asked clarification on why the BOT did not discuss changing the PZHAC to 6pm if there was a vote 2-3 to move.

Commissioner Salas agreed that is what happened, we just have not had any word yet from the trustees.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar also agreed.

Chairperson Lucero advised it will be a discussion at the end for Commissioners comment, we will proceed.

Chairperson Lucero abstain from voting on the minutes for January 17, 2023, as she was not present.

Commissioner Walkinshaw requested a change on January 17, 2023, second page on public comments, correction from Debbie Bryan to Andrea Bryan.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones -- Yes

Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes

Chairperson Lucero – yes, but abstain from vote on January 17, 2023

Commissioner Salas – Yes

Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**January 17, 2023 Vote: 4-0, Motion passes.**

**February 6, 2023 Vote: 5-0, Motion passes.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**PZHAC Case #061521** – 2592 Calle de Cura, submitted by Ralph Lucero to repair cracks on exterior wall and paint same material and color. Pictures were provided. It is in Historical Residential zone so, this would be the first case review followed by BOT after if approved.

Staff recommends request.

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rockstraw.**

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero – Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0, Motion passes.**

**PZHAC case#061526** – 2810/2820 Calle Principal, submitted by Larry Limon to renovate windows/back door by removing, painting (same color), and reinstalling. No changes to structure of windows. Change color of trim from light brown to blue on a detached structure in order to match rest of trim on primary home. Replacing screen door request was redacted. Historical Zone.

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Walkinshaw.**

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero – Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0, Motion passes.**

**PZHAC case#061530** – 3200 McDowell Rd, submitted by James and Grace Arrowsmith, construction of a prefabricated metal building for the purpose of storage on an existing concrete slab, residential zone.

**Inspector Maese, approved of packet.**

Non-flood zone according to FEMA.

Prefabricated slab from Muller

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Salas.**

Discussion

Commissioner Walkinshaw: asked if a shed type structure visible in one of the pictures going to be replaced or removed before metal building is erected.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar advised it will not be removed.

Commissioner Jones asked if the slab was going to be thick enough.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar responded: There will be a footer around the concrete slab perimeter where the metal building be erected on to support the weight.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes

Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes

Chairperson Lucero – Yes

Commissioner Salas – Yes

Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0, Motion passes.**

**PZHAC case#061532** – 640 Ritter Rd, submitted by Justin Castillo, requesting approval for solar panels mounted on the roof. Rural zone

Chairperson Lucero- on Inspector Maese comment sheet, an array space around needed to be 3 feet. Pictures showing solar panel layout.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar- if approved, will make sure it is addressed. Mr. Maese was not available to respond to the question.

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Salas Commissioner .**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes

Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes

Chairperson Lucero – Yes

Commissioner Salas – Yes

Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**PZHAC case#061533** – 1583 Paisano Rd, submitted by Gabriel Garcia to install roof mounted solar panels on an accessory building, zoned Rural Farm.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar- inspector Maese and myself reviewed application and everything is in order, recommend approval.

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Walkinshaw and seconded by Commissioner Jones.**

No Discussion

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero – Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0, Motion passes.**

**PZHAC case#061535**- 2590 Calle de Colon, submitted by Daniel Bustamantes, to build a 15 x 30 feet pool on property. It is in a Historical zoned area. Has El Paso electric letter of approval. Submitted contractor license who is going to build pool.

Inspector Maese was not able to get back with me on the case. Commission tabled the case due to no property pool plans on plumbing and electrical.

**Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rockstraw.**

Discussion

Commissioner Jones asked if there was going to be a building over the equipment such as pump and filter.

Chairperson Lucero requested applicant to step up to the podium as she had some questions as well.

Commissioner Jones asked the contractor if there was going to be a separate building housing the equipment.

Contractor Padilla stated the equipment is exterior equipment, it does not have to be enclosed. The not require a house.

Chairperson Lucero normally we have a full set of plans to include enclosure of the pool. Do not see any plans.

Contractor Padilla stated he had submitted drawings and such of the pool layout.

Community Development Coordinator passed out plans of what the contractor had submitted.

Commissioner Walkinshaw asked if there was going to be a fence around the pool for safety reasons. Contractor responded with a yes, it will and will be within the setbacks.

Commissioner Salas motioned to table to case until there are a full set of plans submitted.

Chairperson Lucero asked if there were any full set of plans.

Contractor Padilla responded by stating everything that is required by the county was submitted here.

Chairperson Lucero stated we require full set of plans.

Commissioner Salas echoed madam chair and stated that is what we usually require is a full set of plans, it's in the ordinance.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar explained to contractor an actual set of plans are required, diagrams, layouts, etc.

Chairperson Lucero- the motion is to table to case until next meeting when you can provide a full set of plans.

Commissioner Salas motion to table case until full set of plans are provided.  
Commissioner Walkinshaw second

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero – Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0 motion passes to table the case**

**7. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Barraza stated the PZHAC meetings will be change to 6pm. First and third Monday of the month.

Chairpeson Lucero asked there was a public comment the minutes were not posted online. If there was a reason why.

Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Salazar is transitioning into the position, he is just coming familiar with the position. Next meeting hopefully the agenda and minutes will be available online. We appreciate your patience. Mr. Salazar is doing a fantastic job.

Community Development Coordinator Salazar commented the agenda was posted on the physical areas where they are normally posted. Dorothy usually is the one that post online and I did not get those minutes to her.

Chairperson Lucero advised the public can come to town hall and agenda/minutes will be available.

Commissioner Walkinshaw asked on the status of the shipping container case. How long are we going to allow him to have it.

Mayor Barraza stated it is in the court's hands. It is going through the process of the court.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Salas.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

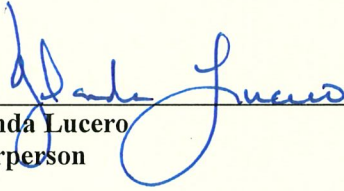
Commissioner Jones - Yes  
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes  
Chairperson Lucero – Yes  
Commissioner Salas – Yes  
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

**5-0 Motion Passes**

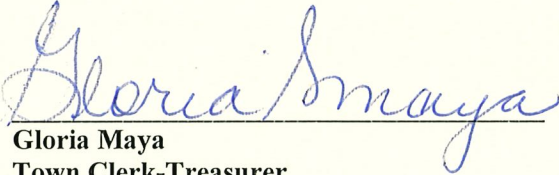
Chairperson Lucero thanked the public for attending the meeting. Any questions, you can get with Mr. Salazar.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023.**

  
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Yolanda Lucero  
Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
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Gloria Maya  
Town Clerk-Treasurer

