



MINUTES

THE PLANNING, ZONING AND HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION (PZHAC) WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MESILLA TOWN HALL, 2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA

1. Discussion regarding food trucks within the Town Limits.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Staff provided information regarding the Spotted Dog and the conditions that were set for that auxiliary kitchen stating that this was the precedent that the Board has set. Staff presented the idea of putting a three to six month moratorium in place.

Another precedence was brought to the PZHAC on February 19, 2014 which was denied for various reasons including: it was on the plaza, the narrowness of the streets, the trash and debris from the business, grease and competitions with other businesses as discussed by Commissioner Lucero and Commissioner Prieto.

The discussion of whether or not they would be allowed on private property came up in discussion as well. Commissioner McLeod stated they would need guidelines on addressing these i.e. signs, colors, commercial property?

Commissioner Lucero stated that if it fits the development zone or Architectural standards then it would be allowed then. Commissioner McLeod stated that we should seek guidance from Randy Van Vleck with the NM Municipal League to see what ordinances have been written on any other temporary businesses.

Dr. Apodaca stated that the commission has the framework for the Commercial Zone with the Spotted Dog Brewery. He also voiced his concerns with their not being enough funding to improve roads, fire trucks, update the comprehensive plan, etc. He stated that we need to try to encourage businesses to come to Mesilla.

Discussion was also had about other vendors that come from Mexico and sell their potteries and stuff on the side of the road. Staff stated that in the past they have spoken to the vendors and asked if they had permission to be on the property they were located at and if they had a business license. They would respond no, and staff would tell them to come to the Town Hall to apply and the vendor would never come to complete the application.

Both Commissioner McLeod and Commissioner Lucero stated that they would like to find a balance that would work for the Town. Dr. Apodaca stated that maybe the Commission should attend the NMLZO meeting in May to network. He also stated that a Moratorium is feasible. He recommended that staff review Las Cruces Ordinances on food trucks and mobile vendors as well as Taos, Socorro and Old Town Albuquerque.

The meeting was called to and end at 10:58 a.m.