



CULTURAL PROPERTIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs

Historic Preservation Division

Cultural Properties Review Committee

Regular Committee Meeting

HPD Conference Room, Santa Fe, NM

Hybrid Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, April 4, 2025

1:00PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Toya called the Cultural Properties Review Committee to order at 1:00pm. Ms. Rubio took roll call, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Committee Members' Present:

Mr. Ronald Toya (Chair)---- In Person
Dr. Kelly Jenks (Vice Chair) ---Via Zoom
Dr. Audra Bellmore (Secretary)--- Via Zoom
Dr. Matthew Bandy--- Via Zoom

Dr. Hannah Mattson--- Via Zoom
Mr. Francisco Uviña --- Via Zoom
Mr. Robert Martinez---Via Zoom
Mr. Garron Yepa---Via Zoom

Committee Members' Absent:

Ms. Elizabeth Suina

Others Present Listed on Zoom:

Rebecca Ullrich
Brendon Asher
Haley Bennett

John McNutt
Ralph T
Stephen Hamway

Kelly
Dez Garcia

Others Present in Person:

Autumn Bergh, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present:

Michelle Ensey, State Historic Preservation Officer
Socorro Salazar, Budget Manager
Jessica Badner, Jessica Badner, Archaeological Review, Permitting Program & SiteWatch Coordinator
Matthew Saionz, Historian, Tax Credits & Historic Markers
Irene Rubio, Business Ops Specialist

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Dr. Mattson made a **motion** to have two changes made to the agenda. The first change is to for the title of **item f. changed to the following**: Individuals in consideration of being delisted from the SHPO directory in Archaeology for lack of CEC. The second change also on **item f. to remove** the following people from the list: **Richard L. Burleson, Tina Hart, Kye William Miller, Michael J. Proper, and Lindsay Shepard**. Once items are changed Dr. Mattson **moved** to **approve the agenda with changes**. Member Mr. Bandy **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

a. March 7, 2025

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion** to **approve** the minutes from March 7, 2025, as written. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed unanimously**.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been a busy time due to the shortness of the last meeting. Working with HPD on Award Nominations and the Historic Preservation Fund. I attended a couple of sessions of the legislative Budget hearings, and did not present just listened. I have been working with the Markers Subcommittee. All these will be followed further on the agenda.

5. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

SHPO & State Archaeologist Michelle Ensey updated the CPRC with the following information:

Interviews concluded for the State Archaeologist and archaeological review position. There were 31 applications, mostly current federal archaeologists. Narrowed it down to 12 very qualified candidates and then ended up interviewing eight. Two candidates declined the interview. Our next task is to do reference checks for our top candidates. Hopefully we will have a new staff member for June, but it will depend on when the selected person is able to start.

HPD staff will be participating in the Preservation Month Symposium on Saturday, April 26 at the New Mexico History Museum auditorium. Historic Foundation and the City of Santa Fe has put this together, and Karla McWilliams, Steven Moffson, and Matt Saionz will provide an introduction to HPD tax credits, Certified local governments, grant funding and the National and State Register Program.

Planning on the New Mexico State Preservation Conference to be held in Las Vegas October 3-5th is ongoing. HPD has been meeting every two weeks with Cornerstones Community Partnerships and our conference planner to make sure everything is on track. The call for abstracts has closed and we 37. Although the deadline has passed, a few more have been promised so it looks like we will have a great meeting,

We kicked off a new NMCRIS project with our contractor RESPEC. This project will develop a public portal for submission of project reviews, permits, tax credits, nominations, grants, etc. The public portal will eliminate the need to send a lot of emails and documents to staff and our general email and help keep everything more organized in one place. The goal is to have this project completed by the end of December, so I'll have more information later on the functionality of the portal as it begins to be built out.

Mr. Uviña, would it be possible to send reminders for the Preservation Conference. Michelle responded that she will send right after the meeting.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Autumn Bergh as the CPRC's new Assistant Attorney General.

6. Official Scenic Historic Markers

Mr. Martinez acknowledged that the Official Scenic Historic Markers Subcommittee met earlier this week to discuss the revised text and location for Córdova/José Dolores López, and Las Cruces on the Camino Real. We talked about outreach to the Native American Communities and Matt Saionz will provide more detailed information.

a. Revised Text/Location

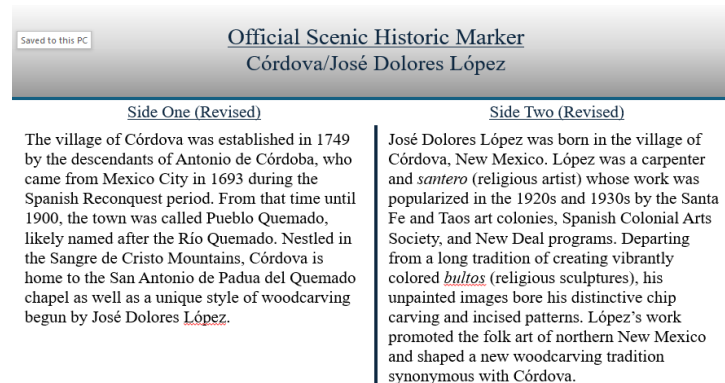
i. Córdova/José Dolores López

ii. Las Cruces on the Camino Real

Matt Saionz provided the CPRC with a presentation on the Córdova/José Dolores López Marker:

The revision and relocation of the Córdova marker was discussed and approved at our last meeting in February. However, our Dr. Audra Bellmore requested that text for José Dolores López be drafted for the second side. The subcommittee and staff thought that was an appropriate idea. José Dolores López was born in 1868 in Córdova and herded sheep in the early part of his life until buying land in Córdova where he maintained a small herd of goats to sell dairy products and meat. Like his father and grandfather, López practiced carpentry, although he was reported to have not been as skilled as his brothers, and his carpentry, according to one scholar, “was not exceptional.” Even as it faded out of fashion, López was also skilled in filigree jewelry, perhaps providing the origins of his later chip-carving. As the story goes, López became deeply depressed when his son Nicudemos was pressed into service in 1917 to fight in the Great War in Europe. Unable to sleep, he turned to whittling at all hours, and before long, he was carving gifts for fellow villagers. From clock shelves to niches, these early works were brightly painted in the traditional Hispano style and began to exhibit his signature chip-carving and incised patterns. In his role as sacristan of the village chapel, López repaired and repainted polychromed images in the chapel, although, according to the same scholar, “his palette was limited and his detail work quite crude.” He also produced original polychromed articles, such as a Bible stand and cemetery cross, as well as religious images for the chapel. The honing of his woodworking skills within this religious and communal context set the stage for López’s “discovery” in the 1920s by artists and experts from Santa Fe and Taos who had become enamored with the folk traditions of northern New Mexico. The newfound commercial opportunity influenced López to create bultos (sculptures) with his patented carved decorations but that were unpainted to be more palatable to wider markets. López died in 1937, but his distinctive woodcarving is carried on by santeros in Córdova that include his direct descendants

The revised text for Córdova on side 1 was approved at our last meeting, which technically makes the addition of text for López on side 2 a revision. Side 2 reads as follows:



Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion** to **approve** the **revised text** and the **approved final relocation destination by NMDOT for this marker**. Member, Mr. Uviña **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Matt Saionz provided the CPRC with a presentation on this Las Cruces on the Camino Real Marker.

Instead of providing a brief history of Las Cruces, it might be more useful to focus on the origins of the place-name and its relation to the Camino Real. Las Cruces translates quite literally to “the crosses,” and the name refers to a cluster of small crosses that are believed to have been erected either to mark the location of a skirmish between soldiers or travelers and Apaches or, more specifically, the graves of those who died in the fight. While it is not very likely that the crosses marked actual graves, it seems that many historians favor that particular origin story. What’s more is the uncertain date of the alleged violence. In the 1690s, a Spanish officer observed crosses near the Organ Mountains, but that could have been anywhere in the area. A handful of travelers in the mid-1840s mentioned passing the crosses near the site of today’s city, surmising that there rested the victims of an Apache attack from a few years prior. According to one such account, Governor Manuel Armijo himself was directly

involved in the incident with Apache's. Ultimately, we do not have the documentation to determine with any certainty who partook in the violent incident or when it occurred. Indeed, it's quite possible that no skirmish happened at all! The crosses could have simply marked the location of the otherwise natural deaths of unfortunate travelers, not unlike descansos. The other interesting point to mention is that Las Cruces is not known to have been a paraje or camping site on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, which technically dates to the colonial period that ended in 1821. In fact, by the time a town was founded in 1848, the Camino Real should more accurately be referred to as the Chihuahua Trail. This is all to say this marker is a lot fun.

The marker is currently located at the Roadrunner Rest Area on I-10 just across the Rio Grande to the west of Las Cruces. Given that the historic Camino Real/Chihuahua Trail likely passed through the heart of downtown Las Cruces, the current location is reasonable. This plan is to simply replace this marker with new text at this location. Interestingly, it seems the plates of this particular marker are mounted on the walls of a rest area building instead of the usual rustic wood posts.

The proposed revised and the original text is as follows:

Official Scenic Historic Marker Las Cruces on the Camino Real		Official Scenic Historic Marker Las Cruces on the Camino Real	
Side One (Original)	Side Two (Original)	Side One (Revised)	Side Two (Revised)
In 1849, following the Mexican War, fields were first broken in Las Cruces. The became a flourishing stop on the Camino Real, deriving its name, "The Crosses," from the marking of graves of victims of an Apache attack. Las Cruces since 1881 has been the county seat of Doña Ana County.	N/A	Las Cruces was founded in 1848 when Pablo Melendres petitioned U.S. authorities for a town to be laid out near the historic Camino Real de Tierra Adentro. "The crosses" for which the town was named reportedly marked the graves of those who perished in a skirmish with Apaches. Situated near the new U.S.-Mexico border along what became known as the Chihuahua Trail, Las Cruces developed into an important stop for traders and travelers.	N/A

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion to table until the subcommittee can review the revised text suggested changes** and the **approved final location by NMDOT** for this marker. Dr. Jenks **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

This concludes with Official Scenic Historic Markers.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. CPRC Heritage Preservation Award Nominations

- i. Mora Valley Mills Committee (MVMC) for the Heritage Preservation Award for Organizations
- ii. Historic Belén Bioarchaeology Project for the Archaeological Heritage Preservation Award
- iii. Christopher D. Adams for the Heritage Preservation Award for Individuals
- iv. New Mexico State Land Office for the Heritage Preservation Award for Organizations
- v. Dr. Henry Walt, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and the Pueblo of Isleta for the Tribal Heritage Preservation Award
- vi. John Kessell for the Lifetime Achievement Award

Ms. Michelle Ensey updated all CPRC members received the list of nominations which was sent out previous to the CPRC members by Irene Rubio. Are there any questions or concerns about these nominees?

Member Mr. Uviña and Michelle will work together to review with the Historic Belén Bioarchaeology Project on who should be acknowledged for the award.

Member Mr. Martinez **has motioned** to have **all 6 award nominations accepted**. Mr. Uviña **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

b. Cultural Properties Restoration Fund Grants

Michelle Ensey updated the CPRC on the following:

We are still waiting for funding to be released for the first round of grants. The joint powers agreements, which are required to be in place before work can start, were submitted to our administrative services division, and they are waiting to hear from the Department of Finance and Administration as to the adequacy of the Joint Powers agreements before the Cabinet Secretary signs them.

The deadline was March 8th we received 21 applications. Some are nonprofit, which are ineligible. They are reviewing 20 applications and currently half way through review. We will have a list for the subcommittee soon and our goal is to have the subcommittee present the selected grants to the CPRC by the June 6th meeting. The total request is for over 3 million, which is over the 1.2 million grant. Looking forward to next year: HB 2 the general appropriation act of 2025 includes an appropriation from the enchantment legacy fund of \$1,205,700.

Chairman commented that he will be working with HPD to solve the issues and have them approved faster so funding doesn't change and create other problems. People are applying for the amounts they need which will allow us to help with more projects. Working on the administrative part for a fast and clear process. Garron is the chairman of the restoration fund subcommittee, and anyone is welcome to join us. Will be meeting between now and June and we will have a slate of projects that will need to be voted on.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE MATTERS

Tax Credits Projects:

Mr. Francisco Uviña acknowledged this Monday the Architectural Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the applications for the State Income Tax Credit for Preservation of Cultural Property. After reviewing that material and the Tax Credit Memorandum, I would like to make the following motions:

- a. State Income Tax Credit Projects – Part 1 Amendment Applications:**
 - i. 2 Arco Court NW, Albuquerque**

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion to approve** the Part 1 Amendment application for **2 Arco Court NW, Albuquerque, with the condition that stucco is to be cementitious and not elastomeric, acrylic, or modified with polymers**. Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- b. State Income Tax Credit Projects – Part 1 Application:**
 - i. 429 Aliso Drive NE, Albuquerque**
 - ii. 603 North Bayard Street, Silver City**
 - iii. 207 Montclair Drive NE, Albuquerque**
 - iv. 405 Montclair Drive NE, Albuquerque**
 - v. 718 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe**
 - vi. 310 Thirteenth Street NW, Albuquerque**

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion to approve** the following three Part 1 Applications; **429 Aliso Drive NE, Albuquerque, 603 North Bayard Street, Silver City, and 207 Montclair Drive NE, Albuquerque as submitted**. Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion to approve** the Part 1 Applications for **405 Montclair Drive NE, Albuquerque, with the condition that roofing is not to be visible at the parapets from the ground**. Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion** to **approve** the Part 1 Applications for **718 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, with the following conditions and recommendations:**

- Detailed plans and estimates for the front patio repair, adobe repair, and stuccoing the small portion of the north wall are to be provided to staff for review prior to commencing work.
- Any wood and adobes deteriorated beyond repair are to be replaced in kind. Where replacement is necessary, adobes are to be unamended.
- Stucco, including that used for patching, is to be cementitious and not elastomeric, acrylic, or modified with polymers.
- It is recommended that a corrugated metal roof rather than the proposed modified bitumen is installed on the front patio. It is recommended that low vegetation is removed adjacent to walls where possible.

Dr. Bellmore **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion** to **approve** the Part 1 application for **310 Thirteenth Street NW, Albuquerque, with the following conditions:**

- A detailed sketch showing the thickness of the retaining walls, the size of the area to be filled with concrete, and how the house will be supported during concrete pouring is to be provided to staff for review prior to commencing work.
- A site visit by staff and member Uviña and Matt Saionz to evaluate the proposed project is required prior to commencing work. Recommendations, if there are any, will be provided to the applicant in writing.

Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

c. State Income Tax Credit Projects – Part 2 Applications:

- i. 4209 Broadmoor Avenue NE, Albuquerque
- ii. 808 Lincoln Avenue, Las Vegas

Member Mr. Uviña made a **motion** to **approve** the Part 2 applications for **the following two properties** for the stated eligible expenses and tax credits:

Addresses	Eligible Expenses	50% Tax Credits
4209 Broadmoor Avenue NE, Albuquerque	\$45,449.82	\$22,724.91
808 Lincoln Avenue, Las Vegas	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00

Member Dr. Bellmore **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

This concludes with tax credit matters.

9. Permit Matters

Member Dr. Mattson stated that the archaeological subcommittee met this morning to discuss permit matters, and we would like to put forth the following recommendations:

- a. Applicants for Listing in the SHPO Directory under **Supervisory Archaeologist/Crew Chief:**
 - i. Tanner Guskey
 - ii. Michelle Groth
 - iii. Joaquin Montoya
 - iv. Jonny Schafer
 - v. Steven Velazquez

Member Dr. Mattson **motioned** that **Michelle Groth, Joaquin Montoya, Joaquin Montoya, and Steven Velazquez receive their permit** under the category of **Supervisory Archeologist/Crew Chief**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with the roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Dr. Mattson **further moved** that **Tanner Guskey not be listed**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- b. Applicants for Listing in the SHPO Directory under Principal Investigator/Project Director and Supervisory Archaeologist:**
 - i. Joshua McNutt**

Member Dr. Mattson **motioned** that **Joshua McNutt not be listed** under the category of **Principal Investigator/Project Director and Supervisory Archaeologist**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- c. Applicants for a 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit:**
 - i. GAI Consultants**

Member Dr. Mattson **motioned** that **GAI Consultants receive their permit upon receipt of additional revisions to satisfactory of staff for a 3-year 2025-2027 General Investigation Permit**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

- d. Applicants for a Project-Specific Permit:**
 - i. SE-428- ENMU- Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark Site, Roosevelt County, New Mexico: Subsurface Testing and Salvage Excavation, Summer Field School 2025.**
 - ii. SE-429- Texas State University- Final Report: 2024 Archaeological Survey & Mapping of the Mockingbird Gap Site (LA 26748), Socorro County, New Mexico (SE-405) and Proposal for 2025 archaeological survey and mapping of the Mockingbird Gap site (LA 26748), Socorro County, New Mexico.**

Member Dr. Mattson commented that ENMU for Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark Site was unable to attend the subcommittee meeting and Brendon Asher is here and will make comments on the permit. Dr. Bandy asked for missing information (map showing proposed work) and description of analytical information.

Mr. Asher commented that he will be sending maps and two meters across mostly linear due to the locations. An internship and Thesus project will be done for this project. We have not found any burials and organic materials and we are right now at contact as far as 10 thousand years old features we have a lab and fine scale recover botanical remains and will maintain samples to have expert's review. If we do find bones, we do have funding for radiocarbon dating. Dr. Bandy said write that up on a revised proposal and resubmit.

Member Dr. Bandy motioned that **SE-428- ENMU receive their conditional permit** upon receipt of additional revisions to the satisfaction of staff under the **category Project-Specific Permit**. Member Dr. Jenks **seconded** the **motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Dr. Mattson **further moved** that **SE-429- Texas State University receive their permit upon receipt of additional information to the satisfaction of staff**. Member Dr. Bandy **seconded** the **motion with a comment that this is an exciting project and interesting work**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

e. Project Specific Permit report review:

- i. SE# 407- NMSU- Test Excavation at LA 12924 and Site Documentation at LA 72043, Bernalillo County, New Mexico**

Member Dr. Mattson motioned that SE# 407- NMSU is an informational report only.

f. Individuals in consideration of being ~~delisted from the SHPO directory for lack of CEC:~~

Anna Dempsey Alves	Suzanne Griset	Tom Motsinger	Rebecca H. Schwendler
Clive C. Briggs	Jeffery R. Hanson	Adolfo (Ad) Muniz	Leslie Sesler
Richard L. Burleson	Tina Hart	Lanell T. Poseyesva	Lindsay Shepard
Kelsey Carter	Brian Joby Hunt	James Potter	Rita A. Sulkosky
Joanne Eakin	Hollis Lawrence	Siobhan Pritchett	Joanne Tactikos
Moirra Ernst	Gregory D. Lockard	Michael J. Proper	Bradley J. Vierra
Deborah V. Gibson	Douglas E. Loebig	Christopher E. Rayle	Andrew Vorsanger
Toni R. Goar	Christine J. Markussen	Gerry R. Raymond	Richard L. Wessel
William M. Graves	Richard Montoya	Cherie L. Scheick	David Zimmerman
James J. Hill			

Member Dr. Mattson motioned that all the **individuals as previously amended be delisted** from the SHPO Directory for Lack of CEC. Members Dr. Bandy **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

Member Dr. Bellmore stated that the architectural subcommittee met on March 21st and we would like to put forth the following recommendations:

Member Dr. Bellmore **moved to include the removal of Rebecca Ullrich** under the SHPO Directory under Architectural History. Mr. Uviña **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**.

This concludes Permit Matters.

Guest Logan Ralph with GAI Consultants said he apologies for the late question. He wanted to know the issue with the application. Ms. Mattson stated there were minor required documents that were missing.

10. Date of next meetings

- a. June 6, 2025**
- b. August 15, 2025**
- c. October 10, 2025**
- d. December 5, 2025**

11. Adjournment

Member Mr. Martinez made a **motion to adjourn**. Member Mr. Uviña **seconded the motion**. The Chair inquired if there is any further discussion, not hearing any, continue with roll call. Ms. Rubio initiated a roll call vote, and the **motion passed by unanimous approval**, and we are adjourned at **2:42pm**.