

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: October 11, 2007 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Jared Smith, Vice Chair Peter L'Orange Donna Bengé Jason Hughes Eric Goldman	John Wesley Ernestine Tesarek Stephanie Nix Kelly Arredondo	
MEMBERS ABSENT	SUPPORT PRESENT	
Steve McCance Barbara Jarrett	David Dean	

1. Call to Order
The October 11, 2007 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Consider Minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting
Ms. Bengé had one correction to make:
 - Item #5, second section stated The Wallace and Ladmo exhibit begin September 15, 2007. Should be The Wallace and Ladmo exhibit begins September 15, 2007.**Approved unanimously**
3. Introduction of new board members and reintroduce current board members. Also introduced staff members working on Historic Preservation on an interim basis until a new Historic Preservation Officer is hired.
4. Discuss relocation of the Historic Preservation Office to the Planning Division and the recruitment of a new Historic Preservation Officer. Mr. Wesley discussed the recruitment process and potential candidates found, he also stated he would like the HPC board to participate in the interview process.
5. Items from Citizens Present:
Mr. David Dean spoke in favor of the Historic Preservation Officer position moving from Neighborhood Services into the Planning Division.

6. Update: Arizona Museum of Natural History and Mesa Historical Museum
 - Ms. Bengé reported on the Arizona Museum of Natural History
 - The Museum received a grant for \$150,000 from Salt River Community for Mesa Grande.
 - The new exhibit on Hohokam people opened recently.
 - Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Historical Museum
 - The Wallace and Ladmo exhibit began September 15, 2007. The grand opening was a huge success with over 800 people showing up to try and win a Ladmo bag. The exhibit will run at least until August 2008.
 - The Home Tour is being put together for January 2008, and will be in the West Second St District.
 - The Museum has had some improvements made to the grounds by adding new sod and new greenery to get it ready for future events.
7. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

Ms. Bengé presented a packet of information on Buckhorn Baths so it can be discussed at the December meeting. Copies of the packet will be sent to the board members before the next meeting.

 - Place the Buckhorn Baths on the December agenda for discussion
 - Discuss ways of informing the correct groups of the significance of this historic property.

Mr. Smith asked that the Pioneer Park Locomotive be added to the December agenda for discussion.
8. Historic Preservation Officer and staff report on:
 - High capacity transit improvement project
 - Different routes through downtown Mesa are being reviewed.
 - Updated map of historic places and landmarks
 - Mr. Wesley passed out an updated map to board members for them to review and make comments on if needed.
 - Fraser Fields and West Side Clark National Register Nominations
 - Update was given at the Fraser Field neighborhood meeting and The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is reviewing the nominations and reports.
 - Award to Irving School
 - Wall plaque has been ordered by Neighborhood Services and a formal ceremony will be held to present award.
 - Alston House
 - Steve Stettler of Engineering is the project manager working on the project. Town Center Staff will be processing a Special Use Permit for the office use.
 - West Main Area Plan
 - Coverage includes Country Club Dr to the Tempe boarder and University Dr to Broadway Rd. Plan is in the final stage and a draft plan has been sent to staff for review, to gather feedback.

9. Update: The next meeting is scheduled for **December 13, 2007** at Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level, 57 East First Street. (Dates are subject to change).

Motion: Mr. L'Orange moved to adjourn the October 11, 2007, meeting of the HPC.

Seconded: Mr. Goldman

Approved unanimously

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.