



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board
 (Approved Dec.12, 2013. Motion made by Dane Astle, and seconded by James Taylor).
Date: October 26, 2013
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: 53 N. Macdonald, AZ Museum of Natural History

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Clara Ziervogel, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Bernard Dawson James Taylor	Dane Astle Michelle Dahlke Pamela Young	John Wesley Wahid Alam	Donna Bengé; Resident Haydee Dawson; Resident Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation

1) Meet for van pick up at the Arizona Museum of Natural History back parking lot; 53 N. Macdonald

The Board members and guests met at the museum. Board members Astle, Dahlke and Young were absent, all excused.

2) Call meeting to order at Arizona Museum of Natural History; 53 N. Macdonald

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 a.m.

The Board discussed re-ordering the agenda. First, move the walking tour after the driving tour to avoid the afternoon heat. Second, after the walking tour attend lunch, and last reconvene at the museum after lunch for a work session.

First motion by Board member Dawson, and seconded by Board member Taylor.
 Motion carried 4-0

3) Driving tour of existing and potential historic districts and buildings

The Board toured West Side/Clark, Robson, West 2nd, Evergreen, Wilbur, Temple, and Fraser historic districts. There was general discussion regarding the various districts.

The Board also toured the area proposed for the new historic district on Second Avenue, the Methodist Church at Center, and 1st Ave.

4) Walking tour of Downtown

The Board did a walking tour of the downtown area using the recently published guide provided by Ms. Bengé while she also provided comments during the tour.

5) Lunch break: Landmark Restaurant in the Clock Room, 809 W. Main Street; reserved from 11am-2pm, may include continued discussions on any of the agenda items.

The Board attended lunch at the Landmark Restaurant. There was no discussion on agenda items during this time.

6) Return to Arizona Museum of Natural History, 53 N. Macdonald

7) Discuss and review the following topics:

- a. Planning & Zoning Ordinances
- b. Historic Preservation Plan

c. General Plan update

The Board reconvened at the Natural History Museum.

Mr. Wesley talked on the current zoning ordinance and how staff uses it to review requests for certificates of appropriateness. As part of the discussion the Board pointed out that the links on the website do not link to the application form and requested these be provided. The Board also discussed steps that can be taken to keep approved districts more active over time.

Mr. Wesley provided the Board with information regarding the General Plan update. The Board requested that more consideration be given to how historic preservation helps with neighborhood safety, and with creating a sense of ownership and place in neighborhoods. It was also suggested that in the historic preservation section that it introduce the possibility of creating conservation districts. This would help to preserve and maintain neighborhoods either prior to meeting eligibility for historic designation, and/or to help maintain neighborhoods that have lost too much integrity to be a historic district.

There was discussion regarding the Historic Preservation Plan. Mr. Wesley pointed out the current plan is more than 10 years old, however much of the background material is still valid. There is a need to update the goals and recommendations. The Board discussed the need to provide continuing education for neighborhood residents and leaders regarding their historic districts, and what the requirements and advantages are. The Board noted the need for new leaders in most of the neighborhoods.

8) Discuss and review historic preservation program and goals for the coming year

The Board discussed goals for the coming year which included:

1. Get money in the budget for HP activities
2. Continue to work with the 2nd Ave. neighborhoods to create a district
3. Continue to work with the Methodist Church for their historic landmark designation
4. Look for additional properties and objects that deserve designation
5. Survey
6. Education:
 - a. Board members
 - b. Planning and Zoning Board
 - c. Design Review
 - d. Council
 - e. Property owners within districts
7. Awards program
8. Revisions to the historic preservation plan

9) Schedule the combined November and December HPB meeting: Available dates: Nov. 14th, Nov. 20th, or Dec 12th starting 6:00 pm.

The Board discussed and agreed to have the next meeting as a combined November and December meeting to be held on December 12, 2013.

10) Adjournment

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

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