



Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on Apr. 24, 2014. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Jim Taylor).

Date: March 27, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 20 E. Main; Room 170

Table with 4 columns: Members Present, Members Absent, Staff Present, Guests. Lists names of attendees and guests.

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Ziervogel called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Approval of the February 27, 2014 minutes

Board Action: The February 27, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved with amended changes to Item 4a. Replace sentence four from "notifications have been mailed" to "notifications are ready to be mailed". Also, add Criteria A and C at the end of sentence five that reads, "VC Mack-Allred will submit an amendment to add the associated people".

First Motion made by Board member Dawson and seconded by Board member Astle. Motion carried 5-0.

3) Update on the Federal Building by Mr. Ron Peters

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Peters gave an overview and update on the Federal Building's history and restoration status. The building was originally a post office built in the 1930's, and is currently undergoing renovations to become the Mesa History Museum. The building has undergone several modifications and additions throughout the years in which only the 1930's facade has remained. The facade is what gives the building its historical value; wherein the building was qualified to be listed on a Local Historic Register in 2003.

In 2003, the City acquired the building from the National Park Service through a Quick Claim Deed. However, to date the City is still trying to clarify and resolve the deed with Parks, Federal, and State authorities in relation to verbiage stating that Parks had listed the building as an historical building. Despite the deed legalities and Design Review Board approval, interior work continues on the construction and design for the museum with a tentative grand opening date of January 2016.

Chair Ziervogel asked if the Board could tour the building prior to the next meeting. Mr. Wesley will help coordinate the tour. Chair Ziervogel also asked if the Board could submit a letter of interest regarding the building. Mr. Wesley stated he will email Chair Ziervogel the attorney contact for the letter to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

4) Discuss status of efforts to establish historic district(s) or landmark(s) for:

Items a, b, c, and f were reviewed and discussed.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena/1st Methodist Church

Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred gave an update on the church. She noted the Planning and Zoning application has been signed by the owner, and delivered to Planning staff for processing. Included was the property information, scope of the project, and the resident letters and envelopes. However, they are missing the case number, and working with staff to see if a label noting the number could be added to each letter prior to mail out.

VC Mack-Allred stated she received a rejection letter on the grant request for 2nd Avenue. In order to move forward on the request, an updated IRS number needs to be provided as well as the Mesa Preservation Foundation's financials.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

Chair Ziervogel noted the neighborhood tour with several Board members, Mr. Wesley and Mr. Murray, and that the neighborhood may not be eligible for designation. Mr. Wesley mentioned his discussions with Mr. Murray and that they may be looking at the inconsistent variations of the neighborhood as a way to move forward with the designation. This designation will be a challenge, and the Board may want to reach out to the CDC for funding and support.

Chair Ziervogel suggested ensuring the residents have their oral history prepared as this will help with both the local and state nominations.

c. Downtown

Mr. Peters gave a brief update noting the list of property owners is still being finalized for the Mesa Preservation Foundation presentation. The overlay district area has been identified, and will continue to evolve as properties are added. The Board will be updated as more information comes available.

d. Westside/Clark

No updates provided.

e. Sherwood

No updates provided.

f. Buckhorn Baths

Chair Ziervogel noted the last environmental survey was completed as of March 7, 2014, however unsure as to where that puts the status of the property. Mr. Wesley responded noting negotiations with the City still continue.

Mr. Peters also provided an update noting, the City also needs to determine a cost to moth ball the property. This is necessary to help preserve the property from further deterioration until the restoration process is ready.

Board member Dawson asked who mandates the moth ball process. Mr. Peters replied stating that is not a required process. However, for properties on the National Register list, it is the owner's responsibility so as to not lose the nomination.

5) Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street

a. Update of application status by Haydee Dawson

This item was reviewed and discussed.

VC Mack-Allred noted Ms. Bengé continues to work on, however funding is required in order to move forward. VC Mack-Allred continues working on the grant for the funding.

6) Update on the proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff gave an update noting the Sycamore and Alma School stations have been submitted to Valley Metro. The Country Club station is due in April, and that the images have been selected, and they are currently working on the text.

Mr. Linoff also gave an update on the possible partnership with ASU. They are interested in working with the City as well as the Light Rail. Mr. Linoff suggested the Board to visit their website at saltriverstories.org to reference their work and see panel examples.

7) Review and discuss ideas and topics for the 2014/2015 student writing contest

This item was not discussed.

8) Review and discuss Planning & Zoning Board presentation by Board members Astle and Taylor

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Board members Astle and Taylor still need to meet and prepare the presentation. Board member Astle confirmed that the presentation will take place either at the August or September Planning & Zoning Board meeting.

9) Review and discuss 2014 Historic Preservation Awards

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Ziervogel noted one nomination has been received to date. She asked what the process is for the nominations. Mr. Wesley replied noting the Board will review and if decide to approve the nomination, staff will prepare the plaque, and add to the Council agenda for a presentation.

Mr. Linoff suggested the Board to make nominations as there is very little public input, and to have at least four nominations. The Board discussed possible nominations. Staff confirmed the deadline as April 16, 2014, and will resend the nomination form to the Board.

This item will be updated on the April agenda to be review and approve the nominations.

10) Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff mentioned the Mesa Historical Museum will be hosting the 2nd Annual Mesa Cemetery Tour on April 12, 2014 starting at 8 a.m. for guided tours.

Mr. Peters suggested for the Board to include in their meetings and minutes the continued support for the Federal Building and Buckhorn Baths.

Mr. Linoff also suggested a possible writing contest topic be on the Buckhorn Baths.

11) Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The next HPB meeting will be held on April 24, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Lower Level Council Chambers.

Mr. Wesley noted several topics to be added or revised to the April agenda. First, add updates to the Federal Building to Item 4. Second, revise Item 8 to be review and approve nominations. Lastly, add new topic for the Board to make final comments and recommendation on the General Plan.

12) Adjournment

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

First Motion made by Board member Dawson, and seconded by VC Mack-Allred.
Motion carried 5-0.

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