

CITY OF MESA

MINUTES OF THE *HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE*

DATE: January 11, 2001 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Victor Linoff
David Dean
Vince Anderson
Pat Mendivil

STAFF PRESENT

Tony Felice
Kathy Guthmiller
Greg Marek
Amy Morales

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Hallsted
Dane Jackson
Lynn Kusy
Walt Mclver
Robert Maddock
Chris Miller
Tracy W. Wagner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lori Osiecki
Boyd Thacker
Dan Eccles

1. Call to Order

The January 11, 2001 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of November 9, 2000 and December 14, 2000 Regular Meetings

It was moved by Vince Anderson, seconded by Pat Mendivil, to RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE November 9, 2000 Minutes and the December 14, 2000 Minutes, as amended.

**Vote: 4 in favor
0 opposed**

3. Items from Citizens present (no action to be taken)

Ms. Tracy W. Wagner updated Committee members on the upcoming "Historic Home and Garden Tour," and passed around a rough draft of the program.

4. Consider Case No. HP00-001, Historic Preservation Overlay District for the Temple District

Mr. Tony Felice acknowledged the hard work and dedication of Walt Mclver, Arlene McCabe and Maury Jones, who approached Staff in 1997 to discuss the potential of forming a historic district. Staff hired Ryden Architects in 1998 to prepare a nomination of the Temple District for the National Register of Historic Places. On November 8, 2000, the Temple District was listed to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Felice referred to a map (report exhibit) outlining the boundaries proposed for the Historic Preservation Overlay District to be applied to the Temple neighborhood. The boundaries are the same as what was approved for the National Register nomination. Mr. Felice noted that the Historic Preservation Overlay District status does not change the existing zoning, it just adds an

attachment. The only restriction is a six-month stay of demolition, to allow time to study alternatives to demolishing the property.

Mr. Felice emphasized that this initiative has been neighborhood driven. Two public meetings have been held, with no opposition to the proposed zoning overlay.

Mr. Felice recommended that the Historic Preservation Committee forward its recommendation for approval of Case No. HP00-001 to the Downtown Development Committee and the City Council.

Chair Linoff thanked Walt McIver for his efforts and participation.

Mr. McIver acknowledged the support of the neighborhood and Redevelopment Staff.

Chair Linoff asked what steps would follow after a recommendation by the Historic Preservation Committee.

Mr. Felice answered that the recommendation will be considered by the Downtown Development Committee at their February meeting. Their recommendation, along with the Historic Preservation Committee's recommendation, will be forwarded to the City Council for the final decision.

It was moved by David Dean, seconded by Vince Anderson, to recommend approval of the Historic Preservation Overlay District for the Temple District (Case No. HP00-001) to the City Council.

**Vote: 4 in favor;
0 opposed**

5. Presentation Regarding Archaeological Sites at Williams Gateway Airport

Mr. Lynn Kusy (Director of Williams Gateway Airport) gave a presentation about the archaeological significance of sites at Williams Gateway Airport.

Historic Preservation Committee members indicated the importance of maintaining appropriate records regarding historic sites and staying in the information loop. The Committee asked if Mr. Kusy would come to another meeting to discuss the buildings at Williams Gateway. Mr. Kusy said he would do that.

6. Update on Installation of Historic District Street Signs

Mr. Greg Marek and Ms. Amy Morales gave an update on the installation of Historic District street signs. Upon installation of several of the signs, it was discovered that they were incorrect in scale and design. A corrected sign will be installed at West 2nd Street and Robson for previewing before the rest are installed.

7. View Video: "Arizona's Towns – Planning the Past, Saving the Future," Produced for the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office and the National Parks Service by the Joint Urban Design Program, Arizona State University

Item was deferred to the February 8, 2001 Historic Preservation Committee meeting.

8. Director's Report

a.) Update on Historic Preservation Program Issues.

Mr. Marek updated Historic Preservation Committee members on the Robson Historic District process.

Ms. Morales said that Barb Atkinson turned in some petitions, but is working on collecting more in order to meet the required number of signatures.

Mr. Marek stated that elevations for the Fire Station next to the Wilbur neighborhood would be available for review in about two months. A Wilbur neighborhood meeting is being planned in the next month or two.

Mr. Marek informed Committee members that Don Ryden (Ryden Architects) has been hired to update the "*Historic Homes*" document, and also to work on the Wilbur Preservation Plan.

9. Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Felice noted that the Evergreen Historic District was the 100th neighborhood to be registered in the Neighborhood Services Department. An event for celebration is being planned.

Ms. Morales stated that concerning the Mendoza House, signatures are still being validated by the County.

Ms. Morales said that she is staying in contact with Pam Parker regarding the West 2nd Street expanded area.

Mr. Anderson asked if enough signatures had been obtained for the Crismon Farm.

Mr. Felice responded that more signatures are still needed.

Mr. Marek informed Committee members that Real Estate Services is working on moving both the Mitten House and Pomeroy House to their new locations.

Chair Linoff reminded Historic Preservation Committee members that comments must be received on the "*State Historic Preservation Plan Update 2000*" Final Draft by January 18th, 2001.

Mr. Marek noted that the only comment he had to submit was that they should be addressing building code issues relating to historic structures, primarily in view of the New Jersey sub-code that has been adopted by New Jersey and other states.

10. Adjournment

5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory J. Marek, Historic Preservation Officer
Minutes prepared by Kathy Guthmiller