

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE *HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE*

Date: June 8, 2006 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Vince Anderson Ron Peters Lane Burdick Steve McCance Nathan Ricks	Stephanie Brüning	Dave Hatch Walt McIver Ms. Lilly Jarred Smith Ronald Pace
MEMBERES ABSENT		
David Dean Lillian Wilkinson		

1. Call to Order

The June 8, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Consider Minutes of May 11, 2006 Regular Meeting

Mr. Peter's moved to approve the May 11, 2006 minutes. Mr. Burdick Seconded motion.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

3. Discuss: Post World War II Neighborhood Study

No Update

4. Discuss and Consider: Demolition Clearance for 51, 55, 59 S. Mesa Dr.

The representative for the applicant, Mr. Hatch, restated the owner's statements on how he felt the buildings did not meet the intent of the code as he outlined in a letter that was given to the HPC prior to the meeting. Ms. Brüning updated the Committee on previous discussions with the applicant that were coordinated with a Town Center Specialist and how both offices were willing to work together to assist the owner in coming up with a plan that would preserved the historically significant structures and provide a viable property to the owner. Mr. Hatch stated again to the Committee that he knew of no plans for the site at this time. The Committee explained the importance of the adobe structures to the Temple Historic District and that they were the

oldest structures in the district. The Committee discussed an length their willingness to work with the owner to find a suitable alternative that preserved the structures, including; funding options and assistance with variances, etc.

Mr. Hatch agreed that he would come back before the Committee in July with alternatives to the demolition of the adobe house at 51 S. Mesa Drive if the Committee agreed to lift the hold on the demolitions of the carriage house at 55 S. Mesa Drive and the block house at 59 S. Mesa Drive after documentation was provided and approved by the Historic Preservation Office.

Ms. Brüning offered to mail out copies of the design guidelines and funding options to Mr. Hatch following the meeting.

Motion: (Mr. Burdick) Moved to allow the demolition of the carriage house at 55 S. Mesa Drive and the block house at 59 S. Mesa Drive on the condition that the owner present a plan for the preservation of the adobe house at 51 S. Mesa Drive be presented to the Committee at the July 13, 2006 meeting. (Mr. Hatch agreed with these terms.)

Seconded: Ron Peters

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Amendment (this was added to the first motion): That documentation standards for the carriage house and 50's block house (55 and 59 S. Mesa Drive) be established by the Historic Preservation Officer and that the documentation is completed and approved by the Officer prior to the release of the demolition permit. Also, that the applicant present to the Committee alternatives to demolition for the preservation of the Adobe house at 51 S. Mesa Drive and work together with the Historic Preservation Officer.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

5. Discuss and Consider: Demolition Clearance for 2222 E. Lehi Road (Crimson Farm Homestead)

The applicant was not present.

6. Discuss and Consider: Demolition Clearance for 151 N Wilbur (Garage and Addition)

Motion: (Mr. Peters) stated that the Committee agree with staff's recommendation on the demolition of the garage and the bedroom addition on the south side of the house:

1. That the Committee determines that the garage meets the criteria of City code section 11-12-1-8 (C) and is 1) of minimal historical significance because of its poor condition and 2) that demolition of this structure is inconsequential to the preservation of historic properties in the vicinity.

2. That the Committee determines that the addition to the house being requested for demolition (the south bedroom) meets the criteria of city code section 12-1-8 (B) and is 1) of minimal historic significance because of its poor condition and 2) that demolition of the structure is in consequential to the preservation of historic properties in the vicinity.

Seconded: Mr. Ricks

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

7. Discuss and consider: Historic Clearance Application Requirements

Motion: (Mr. McCance) Move that the Historical Preservation Committee approves the minimum requirements as stated in the memo presented to the Committee by Staff and as outlined in their authority in Section 11-18-14 83 for Historical Review Requirements.

Seconded: Lane Burdick

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

8. Discuss and Consider: Historic Preservation Officers for 2006-2007

Motion: To elect a new chair for the 2006-2007 term and a vice Chair.

Motion: To elect Ron Peters as the new Chair for 2006-2007

Vote: (4-0)1 abstained

Motion: Nominate Lane Burdick as Vice Chair

Vote: unanimous (5-0)

9. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: June 2006; committee to discuss the following items:

a. Status of Fraser Fields National Register Nomination Preparation:

No update

b. Status of Westside Clark Street National Register Nomination Preparation:

No update

c. Status on Alston House:

Working with the architect (Mr. Peters) to draft the plans.

Preservation Magazine Online contacted the Historic Preservation Office about the work being done at the Alston House.

d. Discuss Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park

Staff is working with Housing Services on future projects.

e. Update on Grant Opportunities

Staff has noticed a need from historic property owners for preservation funding and that the Office may apply for funding of a matching grant this fall.

f. Update on the Biggs House

No update

10. Report: Mesa Southwest Museum

Mr. Howard updated the Committee on current exhibits and on how the current budget will effect the Museum. He explained that the Serrine House museum will be closed and that the museum lost half of its staffing.

11. Report: Mesa Historical Museum

Jarred Smith updated the Committee on current grants they are using to preserve and restore some rooms in the museum and that due to the current City budget cuts they have lost 30% of their working budget.

12. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

The Committee was informed that Bob Sinage passed away.

The Committee requested minimum Historic Clearance requirements specific to demolition requests.

13. Items from Citizens Present

14. Update: The July and August schedule meetings of the HPC will be held in Room 107 E at 20 East Main St. and the Arizona Statewide Historic Preservation Partnership Conference, Glendale, June 15-17, 2006

15. Adjournment at 7:54 pm