



Approved Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on January 26, 2012. Motion made by Jared Smith and seconded by Randy Mann).

Date: **December 8, 2011**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street

Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Donna Benge, Chair Jared Smith, Vice-Chair Barbara Jarrett Randy Mann Wendy Mack – Allred	John Wesley Julie Smiley	Dr. Jared Howard – AZ Museum of Natural History Vic Linoff – Resident, Mesa Preservation Foundation Clara Ziervogel – Mesa Leadership Marilyn Lambert – Resident Danielle Ricard - Resident
Members Absent	Support Present	
Chad Cluff Jeff Jarvis		

1) Call to Order

The December 8, 2011 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Chair Benge congratulated Wendy Mack-Allred for her appointment to the HPB, and to Board member Randy Mann for winning the Silver Apple Award for his teaching.

2) Consider minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Jared Smith to approve the October 27, 2011 minutes with no changes.

The order of the agenda items changed due to scheduling conflicts for speakers Dr. Jared Howard and Mr. Vic Linoff.

3) Updates on all Museum, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Howard of the Arizona Museum of Natural History gave a brief report on the Mesa Grande project. Dr. Howard noted the Welcome Center is anticipating early to mid-2012 for construction RFP's with hopes to open the building by late 2012. Also, noted working on interpretive signs with historical references along with an interactive audio tour of the signs. Dr. Howard stated he would send an email invite to the HPB once the signs are installed and viewing ready.

Chair Bengé asked when the display would be open. Dr. Howard responded no specified date is scheduled as of yet, but will keep the Board informed.

4) Update on applications for Historic Landmarks and/or houses now qualifying in Historic Districts

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Vic Linoff of the Mesa Preservation Foundation gave a brief report on several historic landmarks that the foundation is working on or involved with.

Diving Lady – the three figures are fully restored with neon lights, and the pole was installed with donated money and materials. The Diving Lady is the only remaining item to be installed which will complete the project once funds are available. The Diving Lady was displayed at the Phoenix Art Museum, and will be featured in a published swimming book by Lynn Share in April 2012. Mr. Linoff will send an invitation once the Diving Lady is completed.

Buckhorn Baths – City of Mesa with Mayor and Council approval will move to acquire the property. The foundation is working on providing a tour to determine if the project can move forward. The HPB will be involved with design of the project. Mr. Linoff also noted Ken Torino a trust member provided advice as to physical property and collections of the property and how to handle.

5) Review & provide input on proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé advised the board that the timeline of the project has been moved up one year per Council decision due to the Light Rail project.

Vice-Chair Smith noted the subcommittee has found a large amount of photos and would like the Board to provide input on the selection. Mr. Linoff suggested supporting the history by choosing photos that correlate to the vicinity of the panels preferably with unknown images. Vice-Chair Smith will bring the photos to the next meeting for review and feedback.

6) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for downtown Mesa

This item was reviewed and discussed.

a. Downtown

Chair Bengé asked Mr. Linoff how the Downtown historic districts were doing. Mr. Linoff replied the Light Rail photo simulations of downtown are in the works, as well developing a plan to design historical commercial districts. Trying to get support to show commercial businesses the benefits of being in a historic district by providing education with the help of the HPB.

b. 2nd Avenue

Chair Bengé asked Board member Wendy Mack-Allred for updates. Board member Mack-Allred noted the letters were delivered to all residents with thirty-one of the sixty-five residents physically accepting the letter. To date, Board member Mack-Allred has not received a response from the Woodward Survey Company regarding re-surveying the district. Also, noted the neighborhood meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in room 170 at the Mesa City Plaza. Chair Bengé encouraged all board members to attend the meeting. Staff member John Wesley suggested inviting existing historic district residents to help gain support and answer questions.

Vice-Chair Smith thanked Board member Mack-Allred and Chair Bengé for their work on 2nd Avenue.

7) Historic Preservation Awards

Item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé requested a notification of the awards nomination be advertised in the newspaper with a due date of February 14, 2012.

8) Update from the Historic Highway Signage Sub-committee

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley noted that the City's Transportation Department can help create a basic sign for the Historic Highway Signage.

Vice-Chair Smith suggested creating a sign with photographs within the sign to give more details. Chair Bengé asked Vice-Chair Smith to provide copies to the Board to help with the design process.

9) Update on annual report to SHPO

This item was reviewed, but no discussion took place.

10) Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

Vice-Chair Smith mentioned on behalf of Co-chair Mr. Jim Ruiz that the Save the Train fundraiser was a success, and they are planning another fundraiser in January. He also noted the Save the Train committee is researching for more grants, and may offer pizza coupons for the January fundraiser. As more information comes available, the Board will be notified.

Vice-Chair Smith also mentioned The Traveling Train Display will be featured at the East Mesa Service Center on Decatur. Once the needed funds are raised the committee will provide signage showing where the train will be located, and as information comes available the Board will be notified.

Chair Bengé questioned the status of the Ron Peters application. Mr. Wesley noted they are still waiting.

Board member Mack-Allred asked if website has been updated. Mr. Wesley noted some changes have been made, but continue working on as staff levels allow.

Vice-Chair Smith requested feedback on Metro signage. Resident Ms. Lambert asked if Hohokam

Baseball Field photos will be used. Vice Chair Smith agreed, stating they are looking for ball field photos as well.

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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