



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on Jan. 24, 2013. Motion made by Pamela Young and seconded by Clara Ziervogel).

Date: November 29, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 20 E. Main, Room 170

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Benge, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred Clara Ziervogel Pamela Young Michelle Dahlke	Randy Mann Chad Cluff	Julie Smiley Gordon Sheffield
Guests		
Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Jared Smith; Mesa Resident Beck Kali; ASU Student Jodi Sorrell; City of Mesa Transit Services Robert Forest; Valley Metro Rob Antoniak; Valley Metro		

1) Call meeting to order.

The November 29, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Chair Benge welcomed new Board member Michelle Dahlke, and each Board member introduced themselves.

2) Approval of the October 25, 2012 minutes.

Board Action: The October 25, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

First Motion made by Vice Chair Mack-Allred, and seconded by Board member Ziervogel.
Motion carried 5-0

3) Presentation on Light Rail from Jodi Sorrell; Transit Project Manager.

Jodi Sorrell; Interim Transit Services Director for the City of Mesa gave a brief introduction then turned the presentation over to Robert Forest; Environmental Planner, and Rob Antoniak; Public Coordinator from Valley Metro.

Mr. Forest and Mr. Antoniak presented a Power Point presentation and handout, and jointly spoke on the Central Mesa Extension Route including the extension to Gilbert Road. Some of the main points discussed were the construction schedule, locations of the Park and Rides, mitigating possible impacts to eligible historic properties, along with sample art designs at the stations. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Forest, Mr. Antoniak and Ms. Sorrell provided question and answer discussions.

4) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena

Chair Benge provided updates from Mr. Wesley who was not in attendance. She noted that staff has been working with neighborhood leaders in preparing the Prop 207 Waivers. Also, the neighborhood leaders would be responsible for obtaining signatures by contacting the property owners.

VC Mack-Allred commented that she has offered to help mail any forms where the property is not owner occupied. She is working with Mr. Wesley in getting the mailing information from the County Assessor's Office. VC Mack-Allred also noted it will be a challenge to get 100% participation.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

This item was not discussed. Chair Bengé noted she needs to follow up with the residents regarding information for the Light Rail panels.

c. Downtown area

This item was not discussed.

d. Westside/Clark

Chair Bengé provided updates from Mr. Wesley who was not in attendance. She noted that staff will compile a computer list of property owners in an effort to prepare for the Prop 207 Waivers. The residents have requested to have the list by the first of the year to begin obtaining the signatures.

e. Sherwood

Board member Young gave a brief update noting that she and Mr. Wesley attended the neighborhood meeting which had a successful turnout. Board member Young commented that the residents seemed to be actively involved in becoming a historic district. Chair Bengé asked if the residents have determined the district area, in which Board member Young responded the residents have not yet defined the area.

f. IT Building – 59 E. 1st St.

Chair Bengé gave an overview of the November 13, 2012 building tour along with updates from Mr. Wesley. It was noted this item will be on the agenda for the December 13, 2012 Council Study Session for consideration on how to proceed with the landmark status. Staff will provide three options for the Council to consider, and the final report will be sent to HPB. This is an open meeting, and board members are welcome to attend. Mr. Sheffield noted that if three or more members plan to attend to notify Mr. Wesley as an HPB agenda may need to be posted.

Mr. Linoff also commented on the importance of attending the study session. Chair Bengé requested staff to email the board members a meeting reminder.

5) Report on meeting with other valley historic preservation boards

These items were reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé commented on the meeting with other valley historic board chair and vice chair members from Phoenix, Tempe, Scottsdale and Glendale. Several boards talked about historic areas within their city, historic signage, and ideas for the 2013 conference. Also, the group agreed to have a meet and greet at Monty's Restaurant during the conference. Tempe will coordinate with Monty's, the date and time is to be determined.

Vice Chair Mack-Allred mentioned that some of the other valley boards have started working on historic pamphlets to be used for the conference package.

Board member Ziervogel asked if at this time they not pursue putting up roadway signs to avoid overpowering the roadway due the Light Rail construction. Chair Bengé responded noting not many signs would be put up, and that they would mostly be in east and west Mesa. Also, stated that Tempe has the Light Rail and the signs do not conflict.

a. Discussion on historic highway signage

Chair Bengé briefly noted a preliminary historic sign has been designed that she will forward to Mr. Wesley for review and comment.

b. Other

6) Discuss and develop strategies for updating the downtown historic signage.

This item were reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé proposed some strategies on the historic signage in relation to the upcoming conference. She noted some possible walking tours, including history on some of the historic buildings, as well including some businesses that used to be in downtown. More research will need to be done as this is a work in process, and suggested to look into what Tempe has.

a. Board member Young follow up findings on missing plaques.

Board member Young requested to move this item to the next meeting.

7) Discuss 2013 State Historic Preservation Conference.

This item were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff provided follow up and conference strategy ideas from the last planning committee meeting. Some strategies talked about were to have walking and bus tours, workshops, transportation to and from the hotel and downtown, as well as presentations discussing the impacts to historic properties due to the extension of the Light Rail. He also noted that Tempe and other regional areas will be providing workshops that are yet to be determined.

VC Mack-Allred also noted a possible mobile workshop of the 2nd Avenue District, which would identify certain properties both residential and commercial. This tour would conclude at a conference room at the Mesa Art Center (MAC).

Mr. Linoff requested the HPB come up with workshops that would be offered so he can bring to the next planning committee on December 11, 2012.

Board member Ziervogel asked if the City will be covering any of the costs of the scholarships. Mr. Linoff responded stating Mr. Wesley has been working on this, as well as working with the City Transportation to have access to The Buzz buses. The Board will be notified as more information comes available.

8) Receive updates and discuss:

There was no discussion on these items.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

b. Historic preservation program for Mesa Public Schools

9) Updates on all Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation.

This item were reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé noted the Mesa Grande Visitors Center grand opening will be held on January 19, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Breakfast will be provided by Mesa Grande Neighborhood Association, and the Southwest Archeology team will provide activities for kids. Chair Bengé encourages all Board members to attend if possible.

Mr. Linoff noted the Mesa Historical Museum is now open, and three exhibits are on display are Play Ball; Boeing's History: Spruce Goose Wooden Plane; and art from the Buckhorn Baths. Also, the Lehi exhibit is still on display.

Mr. Linoff also noted the Mesa Historic Preservation Foundation is almost done paying off the Diving Lady. They are planning to have it installed by the end of the year, and will hold a celebration event in January. The date and time has not been scheduled, but will forward to the Board once information is available as all members are invited to attend.

Mr. Smith gave an update on the Save Our Train Committee. He noted the fundraiser for the Rail, Rods and Steel Wheels was a success raising roughly \$1600 along with more in donations. Also, the locomotive has been named officially as a centennial project, and the group has added this to their website. The committee continues their fundraising efforts as they are unsure the effects from the bond. Mr. Smith wanted to note Mr. Ron Peters has generously offered a design contribution for the locomotive base.

Mr. Linoff wanted to thank to everyone who voted for question one from the City elections as this has allowed available money to acquire the Buckhorn Baths, along with the rehabilitation of the Post Office building.

10) Board Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.

There was no discussion on this item.

11) Adjournment.

Chair Benge adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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