

CITY OF MESA

**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

DATE: May 12, 2005 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Chair David Dean Vince Anderson Lane Burdick Victor Linoff Ron Peters	Lisha Adela García Amy Morales	
MEMBERS ABSENT		
Pat Mendivil		

1. Call to Order.

The May 12, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of February 10, 2005 Regular Meeting.

It was moved by Ron Peters, seconded by Vince Linoff to recommend approval of the March 10, 2005 Minutes, as amended.

**Vote: 5 in favor
0 opposed**

3. Report on May 4, 2005 meeting between HPC Chair/Vice-Chair, Mayor/Vice Mayor, City Manager and Staff. Committee to discuss options presented.

Chair Dean reported that the following people met: David Dean, HPC Chair; Vince Anderson, HPC Vice-Chair; Keno Hawker, Mayor; Claudia Walters, Vice Mayor; Heidi Gast, Assistant to the Mayor; Mike Hutchinson, City Manager; Lisha García, and Shelly Allen, staff members. Concerns that the Historic Preservation Committee was experiencing were discussed. It was concluded during this meeting that the Historic Preservation Program would be relocated from the Town Center Development Office to the Neighborhood Services Administration Office.

Ms. García stated that the restructuring is anticipated to take place on July 1st, 2005.

4. Discuss Post War II Neighborhood Study

No update.

5. Discuss and consider rescheduling June meeting to June 2nd or 23rd because of scheduling conflict with State Historic Preservation Conference

Committee members discussed rescheduling the next HPC meeting to June 2nd, due to the State Historic Preservation Conference that will be held in Tucson, on June 8-11, 2005.

It was moved by Vince Anderson, seconded by Ron Peters, to reschedule the next HPC meeting to June 2, 2005.

Vote: Unanimous

6. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: May, 2005; Committee to discuss the following items:

- a) **Results of the RFP's for the Clark/West Second Street** – Ms. Morales reported that only one bid had been received for this project that was submitted by Ryden Architects.
- b) **Status of Irving School/pending issues** – Ms. Morales reported that an assessment is currently underway.
- c) **Section 106 programmatic agreement** – Ms. García stated that the document is currently being reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and that an update will be provided at the next HPC meeting and a copy of the agreement will be included in the upcoming HPC packets.

7. Report: Mesa Public Library, Mesa Room – Sandra Apsey

Ms. Apsey reported that the Mesa Room is currently working on the following projects: a new data dictionary for their post card database; is creating a meta-data for that database in the event that it is placed on the website and their existing subject authority file is being updated and organized so that it is more helpful and accessible for people to use.

Ms. Apsey stated she is currently reviewing cemetery books received by Anna Uremovich that are all hand written and are dated from approximately 1893.

Ms. Apsey thanked the committee members for their selection on the Historic Preservation Awards on the Mesa Violin Studio.

8. Report: Mesa Southwest Museum – Jerry Howard

Mr. Howard reported that the Museum currently has two critter exhibits: one exhibit called “Tusks” and a new exhibit entitled “Whales” which will have skeletons of whales in the exhibit. He stated that there is a new cultural exhibit that will be opening in a couple of weeks on Navajo Saddle Blankets.

Mr. Howard stated he received the final report on the Pecos Road from Lewis Berger Group and the project is now completed. Adding that he continues to work on the Riverview project and that more canals have been found; most of the canals were going east and west and now a lot of the larger canals are going north and south. He said he explored one canal that had collapsed and began digging with a backhoe that took 3 days of work to safely open that particular canal and found that canal to be 45 feet wide and 15 feet deep and has been working with professor Michael Barton at State University who put together a satellite imagery of the project area and was able to look at different light bands and pull out the canals and see them from the air. He added he continues to follow these canals, cut trenches and continues to develop new research.

9. Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Lisa Anderson and Jared Smith

Ms. Anderson reported that they are still working on the Heritage Grant and construction will soon begin on this project. She added that she started to plan for the home tour that will be on January 14th and is revisiting the West 2nd Street District. She stated that the Strategic Planning and Board Redevelopment Committee will have their annual meeting to elect a new board on June 16th at 7pm and this will be an open meeting to the public. She stated that the last lecture of series politics will be held on May 19th, at 7pm and the speaker will be Tom Freestone. She said the American Association for State and Local History National Conference will be here in the State in the fall of 2006, and this year the Central Arizona Museum Association has partnered with Robinson’s May to bring the Valley Museum month.

Mr. Smith reported that JC’s has an old bus and wants to donate it to the Museum and would like to build some temporary structure for it and is looking for anyone who can help. He also received two-dozen items of old medical jars dated in the 1900 for display from drug stores all over.

10. Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items

Committee members discussed the following items to be included in next month’s agenda:

- 1) Post World War II Neighborhood Study
- 2) Requesting a full update on:
 - a) Irving School
 - b) Meeting calendar

- c) Section 106 Programmatic Agreement
- d) Alston House
- e) Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park
- f) Adobe's in Nuestro
- g) Biggs House

14. Items from Citizens Present (no action can be taken)

No items from citizens present.

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Allen, Historic Preservation Officer
Minutes prepared by Liz Kuwamoto