

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: August 9, 2007 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steve McCance, Chair Jared Smith, Vice Chair Barbara Jarrett Peter L'Orange Donna Bengé	Stephanie Brüning	Dr. Jerry Howard, Mesa Southwest Museum
MEMBERS ABSENT	SUPPORT PRESENT	
	Jennifer Hedges	

1. Call to Order
The August 9, 2007 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Consider Minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting
Mr. Smith had three corrections to make:
 - Item #9, first section stated Ms. Brüning reported on the Mesa Historical Museum. She reported on the Mesa Southwest Museum.
 - Item #9, second section stated Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Southwest Museum. He reported on the Mesa Historical Museum.
 - Item #9, second section “Ms. Smith” needs to be corrected to “Mr. Smith”.

Motion – Ms. Jarrett moved to approve the minutes with corrections.
Seconded – Mr. Smith
Approved unanimously
3. Introduction of new board members and reintroduce current board members.
4. **Discuss and Consider Historic Clearance – Work conducted without a clearance at 315 North Fraser Drive West within the Fraser Fields Historic District without a historic clearance.**

The house is listed as a **CONTRIBUTING** structure within the historic district.

The owner is seeking Historic Clearance for the demolition of the carport.

Staff Recommendations:

The original c.1954 building presents a good example of the Ranch style of Architecture. Character-defining elements include large steel casement windows; masonry construction; and narrow, shallow front porches. The Ranch style reflects the post-WWII transition from pedestrian-orientation to vehicular-orientation with the introduction of the attached carport or garage.

The property owner submitted photos and a written explanation for the demolition on July 19, 2007. Upon inspection of the site on June 26, 2007 the remaining materials of the carport and architectural details of the house were inspected and found that the carport was a later addition to the home.

Due to the facts presented by staff and the applicant, that supports the carport was not original to the home and therefore not historically significant to the property. The staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Committee approve the application for the demolition.

Motion: Mr. Smith moved to approve actions as recommended by Staff.

Seconded: Mr. L'Orange, seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously

5. Update: Mesa Southwest Museum & Mesa Historical Museum
 - Dr. Howard reported on the Mesa Southwest Museum
 - A new exhibit is being built on the Hohokam people and what we have learned about them in Mesa.
 - The name change will tie into the opening of the Hohokam exhibit
 - All events can be found in the events calendar on the Web site.
 - Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Historical Museum
 - Planning for the historic home tour has begun and will be expanded to include Irving School and the Women's Club.
 - The Wallace and Ladmo exhibit begin September 15, 2007. All proceeds purchased will be donated to the Arizona Humane Society.
6. Update: Project Status Report: August 2007

A copy of the Project Status Report was distributed in Committee members' packets. The following subjects were covered:

 - Clark West Side Addition Historic District
 - Post World War II study
 - Fraser Field National Register
 - Adaptive Reuse of the Dr. Alston House:
 - 1912 Steam Locomotive in Pioneer Park
 - Historic Preservation Awards
 - Design Guideline Update
 - West Main Street Sub-Area Plan
 - Escobedo
7. Items from Citizens Present
None
8. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items
 - Staff informed Committee of the sale of Buckhorn Baths.

- Place the sale of Buckhorn Baths on the October agenda for discussion
 - Discuss ways of informing the correct groups of the significance of this historic property
13. Update: Historic Preservation Officer Report
- Ms. Brüning spoke with Code Compliance regarding work done without a clearance within a historic district.
 - If the HPC deems that any and all work done compromises the historic integrity of the house and asks the owner to return the structure to its original state.
 - If the owner does not comply, Code Compliance may take criminal action.
 - Ms. Brüning will meet with Code Compliance and City Attorney's to come up with procedures.
 - Ms. Brüning announced that she is leaving the City of Mesa. She has taken a position in Las Vegas. Her last day with Neighborhood Services is August 30, 2007.
 - Ms. Brüning has recommended that the position of Historic Preservation Planner be posted with the National Trust.
 - Ms. Brüning also recommends the HPC be involved with the interview panel.
14. Update: The next meeting is scheduled for **October 11, 2007** at Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level, 57 East First Street. (Dates are subject to change).

Motion: Ms. Jarrett moved to adjourn the June 7, 2007, meeting of the HPC.

Seconded: Mr. L'Orange

Approved unanimously

Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.