



Draft Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Committee
 (Approved on July 28, 2011. Motion made by Donna Bengé
 and seconded by Barbara Jarrett.)

Date: **May 26, 2011**

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

Location: **57 E. First Street, Mesa City Council Chambers**

Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Jared Smith, Chair Donna Bengé, Vice Chair Barbara Jarrett Steve McCance	Rebecca Benavidez Mike James Jim Ruiz John Wesley	Wendy Mack – Allred Vic Linoff – Those Were the Days Books
Members Absent	Support Present	
Chad Cluff Jeff Jarvis Randy Mann		

1. Call to Order

The May 26, 2011 meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes. Consider minutes of the March 24th meeting & April 28th minutes. Vice Chair, Donna Bengé moved they be approved. Barbara Jarrett 2nd the motion. Minutes approved.

3. Historic Preservation Committee made a recommendation to City Council on the Zoning Ordinance Update regarding the Historic Preservation Sections. Vice Chair, Donna Bengé moved the Amended Final Draft of the Zoning Ordinance Update regarding Historic Preservation Sections be approved and Steve McCance 2nd the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Mike James, Transportation Director and MB Finnerty the Public Art Administrator for Metro in regards to the Light Rail Extension. There has been some discussion regarding the light rail stations and the opportunity to place Historic Panels at the Mesa stations. Tempe and Phoenix have incorporated Historic Panels at each station with facts and information regarding the station area. Historic Panels do not need to be at every station and the HPC can be selective. The Historic Preservation Committee may choose the stories, photos and perhaps include a citizen sub-committee. Metro has an excellent graphic artist who is willing to assist in the development of the panels. The review process will most likely include the Historic Preservation Committee, various city employees and the City Manager. MB requested a point of contact.
 Question – How many panels are in Mesa?
 Answer – There are 4 stations with a total of 4 panels.
 Question – Locations of stations – Alma School, Country Club, Center & Mesa Dr.
 All located east of the intersection

Vic Linoff – Those Were the Days Books – Suggests working with the Mesa Historic Museum as they would be a great resource and verify copyright information.

Question – Can we still add historic panels to the Sycamore Station?

Answer – Yes, at the cost of the City. MB to research the cost.

Brainstorming Ideas – Alma School – How Alma School got its name; emphasize the highways and motels on Country Club.

Subcommittee members – Chair- Jared Smith, Vice Chair – Donna Benge, Vic Linoff, Mike James & Jim Ruiz. First Subcommittee meeting is Thursday June 16 @ 6:00pm – Location – Inside the Bungalow on Robson.

Mike James suggested contacting people who listed interest in the Light Rail specifically in adjacent neighborhoods.

5. Historic Highway Signage - Donna Benge presented a rough draft research paper including the Diving Lady & Buckhorn Baths. Her research highlights the highways which started in the 20's and the motels that popped up around them.
6. Historic Preservation Conference – Donna Benge & Wendy Mack-Allred will be in attendance.
7. Promotional/Marketing Ideas – The Historic Panels at the light rail stations are a great start. Committee would like to add the Historic Preservation Logo to the website.
8. Historic Preservation Awards – Item has been tabled until the next meeting.
9. Jim Ruiz, Save the Train Update – Golf Tournament raised \$1900.00. Reminder – June 16th is the Parks & Rec 75th Anniversary. Next event is the Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels – November 5th. We are looking for sponsors and donations for the car show and picnic. Go to www.saveourtrain.com

Vic Linoff, The Diving Lady # 1 is on top and has been fully restored and illuminated. Diving Lady # 2 is at Fiesta Mall and Diving Lady # 3 has just been finished and the relighting will be in October. Buck Horn Baths will cost between 4 -8 million to restore. Vic Linoff and Ron Peters will be giving a presentation at the Historic Preservation Conference. Mesa Preservation Foundation has 3 new members- Linda Flick, Woody Wilson & Alex Finter. The Landmark Restaurant donated \$1600.00 to the Diving Lady Sign. Saving the Tribune archives included between 500,000 and a million articles. All archives were sent to the City of Chandler due to the storage capabilities.

10. Future agenda items include – Central Main Street Plan Update, Historic Preservation Update, Historic Sign Panels and New Members Elect
11. *Motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM.*