



Historic Preservation Board

Date: February 2, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Janice Gennevois, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Jim Taylor Greg Marek Laura Schaffer-Metcalf, Ed.D.	Louise Swann Annalisa Alvrus, Ph.D.	John Wesley	Vic Linoff Donna Bengé Bill Collins, SHPO Corinne Nystrom

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Gennevois called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 3, 2015 minutes

First motion made by Board member Schaffer-Metcalf to approve the minutes and seconded by Vice Chair Mack-Allred.

Motion carried 5-0 (Board members Alvrus and Swann absent)

3. Review, discuss and consider the proposed nomination of a hangar at Falcon Field to the National Register of Historic Places

John Wesley, Acting Historic Preservation Officer introduced this agenda item stating that Falcon Field Airport has been working with the SHPO to develop a National Register Nomination for two World War II hangars that are on the airport. Bill Collins from SHPO has prepared the nomination and a copy was provided to the Board members. Mr. Collins was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Board member Marek asked about any other areas of the airport that could be considered for nomination. Mr. Collins responded that other surrounding areas that were part of the barracks area have been modified too much.

Vice-Chair Mack-Allred asked about Cactus Aviation. Airport Director Corinne Nystrom provided information on who is using the hangars.

First motion made by Board member Marek to support the National Register Nomination for the hangars at Falcon Field for the National Register of Historic Places and seconded by Board member Schaffer-Metcalf.

Motion carried 5-0 (Board members Alvrus and Swann absent)

4. Review submissions for student writing contest and determine top choices for award

Board member Schaffer-Metcalf provided the Board with an overview of how she and Board member Swann had reviewed the entries and selected the top seven for final consideration by the full Board to pick the three winners.

Board members provided their top choices and the top three were selected with Anna's Story in first, A Beautiful Day second, and Up in a Blaze third.

5. Review and discuss 2016 Historic Preservation Award process and time line

John Wesley, Acting Historic Preservation Officer noted that information had been provided with the agenda packet regarding the time line. Two nominations have already been received. He will work with the Public Information Office to get a press release out. It was suggested that we try to get something in the Open Line.

6. Discuss possible Board Retreat and establish date

The Board agreed they would like to hold a retreat similar to last year. A date of April 16 was selected. The Board will meet at 9 am and tour an archeological site and one or two historic properties then hold meeting. Donna Benge suggested she could get the Board into the Serrine House. Mr. Wesley suggested the Board member e-mail him suggestions on where they would like to go.

7. Updates on ongoing items:

a. Downtown façade improvement, colonnade removal, and historic designation
Jeff McVay will be making a presentation to property owners regarding the façade improvement program on Wednesday, February 17 starting at 4 in room 170, Mesa City Plaza building. He will also be making a presentation to Council. The date and time of this will be provided to the Board members.

b. Historic sign ordinance
Board member Marek stated he has been discussing the historic sign ordinance with staff in Tucson. They will be sending the ordinance and background information. The committee will take this information to prepare a draft ordinance for consideration by Mesa. The Board discussed options for how to move the draft forward.

Chair Gennevois stated she had spoken to the City Council at their meeting on January 25 and told them the Board was working on this ordinance and a historic sign park. She also mentioned she had been able to get ahold of the owner of Bill Johnson's and opened a discussion about saving that sign.

c. Historic Preservation staff
Mr. Wesley stated the Board's memo had been turned in as part of the budget preparation process.

d. Westside Clark local historic district designation progress
There was no new information to present.

e. Downtown Second Friday event
The Board agreed on who will attend the upcoming event.

f. Modifications to the Landmark Restaurant building

Board member Marek stated he wanted to discuss with the Board what has happened with this property and, more importantly, what could be done in the future to handle these types of projects. Board member Marek stated he had two concerns with the changes that have taken place. One is the change in the landscaping. The National Register nomination mentions the existing landscaping and the new landscaping will block the view of the building when it is mature. He also had a concern with the sign being removed.

Board member Marek stated that he thinks applications such as this should come to the Board for review and comments. By having a Board discussion there will be more people looking at it and concerns and issues might be uncovered that would be missed otherwise. With this review we could get a better project.

Chair Gennevois agreed and stated her concerns that the modifications to the building were too extensive, particularly in the use of stucco and the paint color.

The Board discussed options for how they could be involved in the future. Mr. Wesley reminded the Board there is a time limit on staff working on requests for a Certificate of Appropriateness. It was agreed that staff will start e-mailing information on such requests to the Board and, where interest and time allows, place them on Board meetings for comment.

8. Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

Vic Linhoff addressed the Board. He informed the Board of a bus tour of neon signs on Main Street scheduled for April 3. He also informed the Board that there will be an East Valley tour as part of the Historic Preservation Conference in June.

9. Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items

a. Site 17

Chair Gennevois stated she had heard the City is moving forward with an effort to get development on this property. Mr. Wesley stated he knows there is some discussion going on about this property, but he was not aware of anything happening right now. The Board expressed a desire to be involved in any action given the proximity to Wilbur Historic District.

b. City Council

Chair Gennevois reported on her recent presentation to Council and asked the Board their thoughts on how the Board might keep the Council informed of activities. They discussed attending future Council meetings and being assigned Council members to meet with. It was decided this should be a consideration at the upcoming Board retreat.

10. Adjournment

Chair Gennevois adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

First Motion made by Board member Shaffer-Metcalf and seconded by Board member Marek.
Motion carried 5-0 (Board members Alvrus and Swann absent)

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