

CITY OF MESA
MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 13, 2006 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Chair Vince Anderson Vice Chair Ron Peters Steve McCance Nathan Ricks	Stephanie Brüning	Lisa Anderson
MEMBERS ABSENT		
Lane Burdick David Dean Lillian Wilkinson		

1. Call to Order.

The April 13, 2006, Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

2. Consider Minutes of March 09, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Vice Chair Vance moved to approve the March 9th, 2006, Minutes as amended. Mr. Ricks seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor
0 opposed

3. Discuss and Award the 2006 Historic Preservation Award, Nominations

Initially it was clear that there were two clear-cut winners for the 2006 Historic Preservation Award. After further discussion, two addition award winners were selected for a total of four awards to be presented in 2006.

4. Discuss the Post World War II Neighborhood Study

Ms. Brüning was informed this is one of the committee's highest priorities

5. Discuss Status of 2222 E. Lehi Road (Crismon Farm Homestead)

Town Center had received a demolition application based on the purchase of the property from the city. The potential owners look forward to the development of the site without the historic building structure on the site. They have offered to let some take the structure off the property to another site if the sale goes through. I am reviewing the status of the house. There is two ways this can go. It can come before the board for discussion or if it is too far-gone and it is a public safety hazard there has to be three signatures to allow the structure to be demolished. I want to make sure all that is being done is being done.

The farm dates to 1890. ADOT actually moved the 202 and choose not to go through this site because of the significance. Mr. Crismon was part of the second pioneering LDS church efforts in this area. He had one of the first irrigated farm fields, it was one of the first places that eastern crops were prorogated here in the area to see whether or not they would make it. Evidently even molasses was something he traded with the Hohokam and other natives at that time. I want to make sure all feasible efforts are being taken before signing off on any type demolition.

6. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: February 2006; Committee to discuss the following items:

a) Status of Irving School

Mesa Public Schools are taking ownership of this endeavor. Ms. Brüning will check and report back to the committee as to whether this effort is continuing to be an effort for the public.

b) Status of Fraser Fields National Register Nomination Preparation

Reviewing current draft. I do not feel it is complete enough to forward on to the neighborhood for comment. There are quite a few mistakes and editing issues. I want to make sure this is a quality baseline guideline to be able to be used as a sample for future Post World War II sites. I am working with the architect to get all the pertinent information across.

c) Status of Westside Clark Street National Register Nomination Preparation

No Update. Ms. Brüning has not received a nomination yet.

d) Status on Alston House

It has gone back to HPAC for review. They had some questions on funding issues. They did not understand how we had broken up the budget. HPAC has passed it. We hope it goes before the State Board this month, if not, then next month.

e) Discuss Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park

No Update

f) Discuss Adobes in Nuestro

No Update

g) Update on Grant Opportunities

The City of Glendale “The Heritage Fund” has been using that for individual grants to homeowners in historic districts. We are looking at that for the possible future option because the City of Mesa is constantly getting requests for funding for homeowners to live in historic districts.

h) Update on the Biggs House

No Update

i) Update on “Alma Ward” (Landmark Restaurant)

We spoke with SHIPO. However, there is no word on possible listing.

j) Update on 51, 55, 59 S. Mesa Dr. Demolition Clearance

Ms. Brüning is in the process of educating herself on adobe construction and reconstruction prior to giving a ruling on demolition. She is calling on the expertise of two experts in Adobe to learn the intricacies of the structures. Ms. Brüning feels she will be prepared to rule on these requests at the next meeting.

7. Report: Mesa Southwest Museum

No Update

8. Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Lisa Anderson

Biggs house: Not a lot of activity out there. It is not looking good.

1. Head of Lehi community is joining the Mesa Historical Museum Board so we hope to have some more contact over the Biggs house once he is on board.
2. We had a BBQ. It was a Big success. There were firefighters & Waldo BBQ (Sponsor) Spent ~\$500, earned ~\$4000.
3. Demolition of Fort Utah (Boeing Community Project & Eagle Scouts) Need a few more weeks to complete the project there were some huge rebar inside the concrete. Much of the building was saved all doors, wood, etc.
4. Southwest museum & Mesa Historical Museum Co-Sponsoring new exhibit “ Searching for Mesa: finding ourselves in our history” opens May 6th.

9. Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items

June 15-17 is the Historic Preservation Conference in Glendale, AZ

10. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm