

CITY OF MESA
MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 9, 2006 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Chair Vince Anderson Lane Burdick Steve McCance Nathan Ricks	Stephanie Brüning Angela Duncan Lisha Adela García Aimée Letwen Amy Morales Ernestine Tesarek	Jerry Howard David Clark
MEMBERS ABSENT		
Vice Chair Ron Peters David Dean Lillian Wilkinson		

1. Call to Order.

The March 9, 2006, Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

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

Mr. Ricks moved to approve the February 9th, 2006, Minutes. Mr. McCance seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor
0 opposed

3. Introduction of Stephanie Brüning, Historic Preservation Planner

Ms. García introduced Ms. Brüning as the Historic Preservation Planner. Ms. Brüning provided a brief statement of her background and Experience. She is from Delaware. She has been the preservation planner for New Castle County for the past five years. Prior to that she was with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government in Lexington, Kentucky. Ms. Brüning has also been a preservationist and conservator with the John and Eliza Pope Villa. She has her undergraduate degree in History from the University of Kentucky and a

Certificate in Architectural and Urban Heritage Conservation from Academia Istropolitana in Slovakia.

She studied in a Summer School program at Cambridge University in England. She finished with her Masters at the University of Kentucky in Historic Preservation in the College of Architecture. She has some background in masonry specialist plaster, stain glass, roofing, wood consolidation. Ms. Brüning stated she is looking forward to working with the architecture of the West.

Mr. Anderson introduced her to the individual council members present.

4. Discuss the 2006 Historic Preservation Award, Nominations – Amy Morales

Ms. Morales received six nominations for the 2006 Historic Preservation Awards.

1. Heather Scantlebury for Adaptive Reuse, Rehabilitation, Restoration, and General Preservation efforts in saving a historic structure.
2. Cilia Zaharis-Burns for General Preservation efforts of her property on 2nd Street & MacDonald
3. Virginia Aguero for General Preservation efforts in saving the W 2nd Street historic ornamental orange trees.
4. Janice Gennevois for Adaptive Reuse & Rehabilitation citizen of Mesa
5. Victor Linoff for Activist and Educational efforts in Mesa
6. John Giles for Adaptive and Restoration efforts in Mesa

After some discussion it was decided that prior to March 30, 2006, the Historic Preservation Committee members should get scoring sheets delivered via email. A random number rather than their name will list nominees on scorecards.

Committee members should return their completed scoring cards by fax or phone to Ms. Brüning no later than April 7th for compilation and redistribution before the next meeting. Committee members should also be ready to discuss them and vote on the winners during the next meeting.

5. Discuss the Post World War II Neighborhood Study

No discussion held. Amy Morales will update Stephanie Brüning on what we have done already.

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

- a) **Status of the Irving School.** Ms. García met with representative of the Mesa Public Schools who are the new owners of the building. They currently intend to restore the building to the original landscape and roofline completely. Negotiations are ongoing regarding the CDBG funds. In addition to ADA compliance there is an issue to prove a low to moderate income benefit which could create a tracking problem if the school opens district wide. There should be a definitive answer by the next meeting.

Ms. García also mentioned the Council study session 3/16/06 will make CDBG funds recommendation for the following year and there are no request for CDGB funds for Historic Preservation requested.

- b) **Status of Fraser Fields National Register Nomination Preparation.** Ms. Tesarek stated that she was in the process of transitioning the information over to Ms. Brüning. She will take over the review of the draft report.
- c) **Status of Westside Clark Street National Register Nomination Preparation.** Ms. Tesarek stated that she was in the process of transitioning the information over to Ms. Brüning. Her office has not received the draft report yet.
- d) **Status of Alston House.** Ms. García Stated the Alston House received a favorable recommendation for \$100,000 from the Historic Preservation Committee of the Arizona State Parks Board. The resolution passed the same day of the grant, March 6, 2006. We are awaiting endorsement from the Arizona States Parks board prior to announcing it publicly.
- e) **Status of Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park.** Ms. García said project is waiting on HUD determination.
- f) **Status Adobes in Nuestro.** No discussion held.
- g) **Update on Grant Opportunities.** Ms. Brüning will update at March Meeting. Ms. García stated the Historic Preservation grant ceiling amounts had been raised to around \$150,000 and a project can carry over more than one year.
- h) **Update on the Biggs House.** No discussion held
- i) **Update “Alma Ward” (Landmark Restaurant).** No discussion held.

7. **Report: Southwest Museum – Jerry Howard**

Mr. Howard informed the group that the Mesa Leadership Training Development group held a meeting last Wednesday. The meeting went well and was well represented and included several stakeholders: representatives of the Salt River

Indian Community, neighbors, and two professional facilitators. Mr. Howard stated a report is in the works on the Mesa Grande Ruins. The Banner Hosp exhibit is due to be completed next week. Labels are done. Pieces of the mound will be on display. Additionally there is a child's footprint in the exhibit. Working on stabilization planning effort at the Mesa Grand site. Out Reach Program - Archeology group will take students from Phoenix Christian High School with them to the dig site and to the lab for a week.

New exhibit Adrel Hizey(sp.?) photographs from around the state in ultra light of Archeology site photography Co-sponsored with the Desert Archeology Foundation in Arizona and a museum in New Mexico.

Archeology Expo co-sponsored with the Mesa Museum and the Slot Group in Tubac last weekend went well

We will be working with the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community's Field Class is going to go out to the community and doing archeological survey's to help them out. The Mesa Community College field class will actually be doing the survey.

Museum may close July 1, 2006 if budget issue is not resolved.

Last traveling exhibit – Crocks is going fairly well. It is still pulling in schools/classes. It will be our last traveling exhibit because we no longer have the funds to bring them in. We are doing the Hohokam exhibit because it can be done in-house. We have been working with the Lehi museum on the History of Mesa exhibit.

8. Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Lisa Anderson

No Report

9. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Anderson Question: Looking at the City Managers recent changes, are they going to maintain the downtown development committee?

Ms. García answer: It is undetermined at this time. All that has changes is that they now Downtown Development and Economic Development work closer together and that report to Debbi Dollar.

Mr. Anderson: The Historic Preservation Ordinance could be affected by the downtown development ordinances and we need to make sure we do not get lost in the shuffle.

Mr. Anderson Question: The question for the committee is this: If Downtown Development is done away with, it use to be, we would do something, like make a

historical site downtown and it would go to the downtown development committee, they would approve it, then it would go to the City Council.

If all of a sudden, economic development for the city is going to cover it all, than how are we going to operate within that context?

Ms. García answer: Depending on what happens we could still take our cases to the downtown development area if it falls within that area or if they were outside the downtown area they would go to the planning and zoning board.

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

No items from citizens present.

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Brüning, Historic Preservation Officer

Minutes prepared by Carol Ellis

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