

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: April 12, 2007 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Lane Burdick, Vice Chair Barbara Jarrett Nathan Ricks Jared Smith	Stephanie Brüning Gordon Sheffield	
MEMBERS ABSENT	SUPPORT PRESENT	
Ron Peters, Chair Steve McCance	Julie Moran	

1. Call to Order

The April 12, 2007 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Update: Gordon Sheffield, City of Mesa Zoning Ordinance Update (not included on agenda)

Gordon Sheffield presented information on the Zoning Ordinance Update Project, sharing that the results of their analysis pinpointed seven topics with thirty-three sub recommendations, which will help in setting the policy direction in the future. He encouraged the Board members to read the report and use the link at www.cityofmesa.org/planning/zoningordinancerewrite to submit their comments by the second week of May. After compiling and reviewing feedback, the consultant can proceed with the next step—the annotated outline.

2. Consider Minutes of February 8, 2007

No changes or amendments needed to be made.

Motion: Ms. Jarrett moved to approve the meeting minutes from the February 8, 2007, Regular HPC Meeting.

Seconded: Mr. Smith

Vote: Unanimous (5 – 0)

Meeting minutes approved.

3. **Discuss and Consider: Fraser Fields National Register of Historic Places Draft Nomination Review**
- Ryden Architects Presentation – Mr. Ryden nor a representative of Ryden Architects were not in attendance as scheduled. Ms. Bruning summarized the report for the Committee.
 - Mr. Davis, an owner in Fraser Fields, submitted written comments, which will be passed on to Mr. Ryden.
 - Ms. Brüning indicated she has provided regular updates to the residents of Fraser Fields, that there is a lot of support and interest in being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. She will be addressing contributing and non-contributing structures with Mr. Ryden.

Ms. Brüning will follow up with Mr. Ryden, requesting his final report with the 2nd draft nomination and specific required forms for submittal to the State Historic Preservation Office. The Office of Historic Preservation's goal is to have Fraser Fields listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the end of 2007.

The residents are very proud of this neighborhood and encouraged the Committee to take a drive and see how well they have taken care of it.

Motion, seconded: Mr. Smith moved to support the submission of the report to the State Historic Preservation Office and proceed with the process.

Seconded: Ms. Jarrett

Vote: Approved unanimously (5-0).

4. **Discuss and Consider: 2007 Historic Preservation Awards**
- Irving School was put forward—the only application this year. It had been slated for demolition so this is especially appropriate and it was felt that all parties involved in making this happen should be recognized, including the architect, Ms. Duvall, and Mesa Public Schools.

Motion: Mr. Ricks made a Motion to give Mesa Public Schools an award for Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse of the Irving School.

Seconded: Mr. Smith.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0)

Ms. Brüning will advise Committee members of the date and location of the presentation of the Award. She will try to get it awarded on site with media coverage as well, and recognition of all who partnered together on the project.

5. **Update: Mesa Southwest Museum & Mesa Historical Museum**
- Mr. Smith advised of annual fundraising barbeque—huge success! There are a lot of projects going on at the museum. Still impacted by cuts last year but Eagle Scout projects have helped cosmetically with landscaping and improving the overall appearance. Concerts, programs, partnership with Mesa Symphony and other organizations continue. Win-win for everyone. Half of the staff has gone to

the Museum Association of Arizona Conference this week in Prescott. We look forward to hearing lots of good things.

- Mesa Southwest Museum – no official update from Dr. Howard.

6. Update: Project Status Report: February 2006

A copy of the Project Status Report was distributed in all 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
- Inactive projects will be removed but can be added back on the list if necessary.

7. Items from Citizens Present

None

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

Mr. Smith and Mr. Peters questioned the memo that came with Mr. Sheffield's update and wanted to have some clarification. Ms. Bruning stated she would follow up on the Committee's questions.

Mr. Smith also asked Ms. Bruning if she needs any other assistance in working on her projects. Ms. Bruning stated that there are three grant projects that they are completing by the end of the year, as well as the Alston House Adaptive Reuse and the Pioneer Park Locomotive research. Ms. Bruning stated she appreciated the Committee's offer and will contact them if assistance is needed.

9. Update: Historic Preservation Officer Report

a. Attendance Policy

Ms. Brüning asked everyone to be aware of the policy and make every effort to attend meetings. She informed the Committee that one member has been absent eight of the last twelve meetings. She advised them to please contact the office as soon as they know of an absence so that we can contact applicants in case a quorum cannot be met. *Reminder: Voting for a new Chairman is usually at the June meeting.*

b. June 14, 2007 Meeting Date - reschedule due to Conference date conflict

Ms. Brüning will be contacting the Committee members relative to the meeting date for June since the normal meeting date conflicts with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Partnership Conference in Prescott June 13-16. Date will be posted once we have a consensus of the Historic Preservation Committee.

c. May is Historic Preservation month and there are lots of events in the Valley and statewide. If you get a chance, enjoy some of the tours.

d. Ms. Bruning will work on the date and time of the Historic Preservation Awards.

10. **Update:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2007* at Mesa City Council Chambers, Lower Level, 57 East First Street .

**Date is subject to change due to conflict with Arizona Historic Preservation Partnership Conference*

11. **Adjournment at 7:03 p.m.**
Motion: Mr. Burdick made a motion to adjourn.
Second: Mr. Smith
Vote: Unanimous (5-0)