



Approved Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on Sept. 27, 2012. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Clara Ziervogel).

Date: August 23, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 57 E. First Street, Lower Level Chambers

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Benge, Chair Wendy Mack – Allred Randy Mann Clara Ziervogel	Pamela Young Chad Cluff	John Wesley
Guests		

1) Call meeting to order

The August 23, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2) Approval of the July 26, 2012 minutes

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Benge noted two corrections. First, update item 12b to state the contest would be for elementary, not middle school students. Second, add to item 13 the discussion by Vic Linoff that there will be a conservation easement for the Diving Lady sign.

Board Action: The July 26, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously with the two minor changes.

First motion made by Vice Chair Mack-Allred, and seconded by Board member Ziervogel.
 Motion carried 4-0

3) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena area

VC Mack-Allred gave an overview of the meeting with staff and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). She noted the 1992 survey will need to be updated despite little changes to the area. There are Pass Thru grant monies available, and Mr. Wesley will look into how the HPB can apply. Mr. Wesley noted SHPO will provide a list of consultants to use for the survey. VC Mack-Allred also noted SHPO's suggestion to do the survey in three phases; boundary, nomination, Palmer Court (landmark status).

Chair Benge asked the status of the community signatures. VC Mack-Allred replied noting the signatures are almost complete, and the letter to the Mayor is ready and they will forward to Mr. Wesley once compiled. Also, the residents are to contact the First United Methodist Church for interest and or help with the designation.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo area

Mr. Wesley noted the residents have contacted City Manager's Office, and staff is waiting for a confirmed meeting date.

c. Downtown area

Chair Benge will follow up with Mr. Linoff on the status.

4) Plan for a neighborhood workshop in October to inform residents about creating historic districts

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley will follow up at the next meeting with the date, time and location.

5) Discuss and develop strategies for historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley gave an update noting his discussion with ADOT, and State requirements for historic signage.

The Board discussed some sign strategies, and decided to wait on any further action until Chair Bengé meets with the Historic Preservation Boards from Tempe and Phoenix to see if there is joint action that could be taken on these signs.

6) Discuss and develop strategies for updating the downtown historic signage

No discussion on this item.

7) Receive update on and discuss:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Chair Bengé noted no new updates as Mr. Linoff is waiting for further discussions.

b. Historic preservation program for Mesa Public Schools

The Board discussed some strategies for the contest. Mr. Wesley noted he will work on the final information for the website, as well as the press release for a target date of October 1, 2012. Board member Mann will work with the Mesa School Districts, and as well as contact liaisons for the other school districts within Mesa. The final contest information will be forwarded to the Board for review.

c. Report on landmark status for City Building 59 E. First Street

Chair Bengé noted she has contacted several Council Members, and has received some positive support for the landmark status. She is currently waiting to meet with Mayor Smith.

8) Updates on all Museum, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

Chair Bengé noted the groundbreaking for the Mesa Grande Visitors Center will be on September 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., and encouraged the Board members to attend.

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

Board member Mann noted the next project he would like to see the HPB support is a coloring contest for elementary students that could include Mesa historic buildings. The Board discussed some possible strategies for the coloring contest. Further discussions will be included in future meetings.

Future agenda items were discussed with no changes.

10) Adjournment

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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