



Approved Minutes of the  
**Historic Preservation Board**

(Approved on February 23, 2012. Motion made by Jared Smith and seconded by Barbara Jarrett).

**Date:** January 26, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fire Station 201, 360 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Donna Benge, Chair Jared Smith, Vice-Chair Barbara Jarrett Randy Mann Wendy Mack – Allred Jeff Jarvis	John Wesley Julie Smiley	Vic Linoff – Resident, Mesa Preservation Foundation  Jim Ruiz – Save the Train  Albert Ruiz – Resident
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Support Present</b>	
Chad Cluff		

**1) Call to Order.**

The January 26, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2) Consider minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Board member Mann to approve the December 8, 2011 minutes with no changes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3) Review & provide input on proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Vice Chair Smith gave an update regarding the selection of photos for the panels. He noted there is a variety to choose from that represents Mesa’s history. Mr. Vic Linoff also provided input stating the committee will bring the photos to the project artist to see how the photos will look on the sample panels, in which will help to narrow down the selection process.

Chair Benge stated the HPB will not have access to the photo archives from the Arizona Museum of Natural History due to limited staff availability.

Vice Chair Smith noted he will bring the photos to the next meeting, and requested the Board’s input in selecting the panel photos. Vice Chair Smith will continue to report on the progress as information comes available.

**4) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for downtown Mesa.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

a. Downtown

Mr. Linoff provided updates on the Downtown district, noting business concerns due to the impending light rail which has sparked support for implementing a commercial historic district. Mr. Linoff will forward information to HPB as it comes available.

Mr. Linoff noted he has obtained on loan a set of Sanborn maps which the Foundation is scanning a copy. Once completed, Mr. Linoff will bring in to share with the HPB.

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Chair Bengé noted there was a good turn out and participation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue neighborhood meeting held on January 12, 2012. Board member Mack-Allred gave a brief overview of what was discussed noting some benefits of living in a historic district. Board member Mack-Allred will forward any updates to the Board as to any residents wanting to move forward with the designation of the historic district.

**5) Historic Preservation Awards.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

To date there has been no submissions for the Historic Preservation Awards. Chair Bengé requested staff to re-advertise with Channel 11 and another press release. Mr. Wesley asked to advertise on the Mesa Preservation Foundation's website, and Mr. Linoff agreed to help. Also, Board member Mack-Allred will work with staff in obtaining and distributing pamphlets during the Mesa Takes Flight event in February.

**6) Update from the Historic Highway Signage Sub-committee.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley noted the City's Transportation Department is willing to help create the Historic Signage; however they have limited resources and must have an existing design to work from. Also, noted that the sign can be brown in color so as not to conflict with traffic signs.

Vice Chair Smith asked how many signs are needed? Mr. Wesley answered roughly four signs will be needed, and requested the Board to send him their designs and he will forward to the Transportation Department. Mr. Linoff suggested the Board look on-line for possible design ideas.

The Board will continue to work on, and will keep Mr. Wesley informed of the design progress.

**7) Updates on all Museum, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé asked the status of the nomination for the former City Library at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Centennial. Mr. Wesley replied it has been forwarded to the City Manager's Office for review before the nomination can move forward.

Chair Bengé noted some upcoming events for the Board to consider attending.

- The Historic Home Tour on January 28, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the proceeds going to the Mesa History Museum.
- Arizona Archeology and Heritage Expo on March 3, 2012.
- Rulers of the Prehistoric Skies at the Arizona Museum of Natural History, opening February 4, 2012.
- Heritage Wall plaque dedication ceremony on February 8, 2012 from 3-4 p.m. Mr. Linoff noted one plaque will be dedicated to Historic Preservation.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Ruiz gave an update on Save the Train. He noted the train memorabilia will be on display at the East Mesa Service Center from February 2 – March 2. They are also in discussions with contractors for coordinating the move so they will be ready when they receive sufficient donations. Mr. Ruiz also mentioned the National Train Day on May 2, 2012 will be held at the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler.

Mr. Linoff gave an update on the Diving Lady. He noted the motel letters and the electrical are completed, and that the Diving Lady is ready for installation once final checks for structural repairs are done. Mr. Linoff will forward updates to the Board as its come available, and will send invitations for the event installation once the date is scheduled.

Mr. Linoff encouraged the Board to attend a fundraiser for the Tempe Historic District on February 4, 2012. The event is to help gain support for Historic Districts.

Mr. Wesley gave an update on the national nomination for the Alston House. He noted staff is compiling the remaining State requirements, and the package will be mailed to finalize the nomination.

Mr. Linoff provided an update on the Buckhorn Baths. He noted the project may have to go through a bond election, and requested HPB's support. To date no committee has been established. Mr. Linoff also noted an upcoming book signing event with Gaylord Perry. Mr. Perry will be promoting his book *Saving the Buckhorn*, in which persons purchasing the book will receive a mini tour of the property. Mr. Linoff will provide more information on the event at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Smith requested to add an agenda item for discussion on the HPB Retreat.

Board member Mann requested to add an agenda item for discussion on ideas on how to involve schools in Historic Preservation activities.

**9) Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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