



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board
 (Approved on June 27, 2013. Motion made by Michelle Dahlke, and seconded by Pamela Young).

Date: May 23, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 57 E. Frist Street, Lower Level Council Chambers

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Benge, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Pamela Young Michelle Dahlke	Clara Ziervogel	John Wesley Julie Smiley
Guests		
Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation		

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Benge called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2) Approval of the March 28, 2013 minutes

Board Action: The March 28, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

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

3) Discuss status of efforts to establish historic district(s) or landmark(s) for:

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena

Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred noted she distributed the door hangers for the Historic Preservation Homeowner's Expo to the 2nd Avenue neighborhood, and Temple, Wilbur and Glenwood districts. She has received some positive feedback with neighborhoods wanting to become historic districts, and will attend the Homeowner's Expo during the conference.

VC Mack-Allred commented that she has been working with the Planning staff on the Prop 207 letter. She noted that staff is revising the letter and waiting for final approval before moving forward for signatures.

Lastly, VC Mack-Allred noted she spoke with a representative from the 2nd Avenue Methodist Church, and they have expressed interest for a landmark status. However, they are waiting for several approval levels before they can move forward.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

VC Mack-Allred noted she will be distributing the expo flyers.

c. Downtown

Mr. Linoff worked with Mr. Wesley on updating the map parcel numbers. He noted one of the large property owners will compile the information, and will coordinate a meeting to move forward with discussions on a historic commercial district. Mr. Linoff will forward any information as it comes available.

d. Westside/Clark

This item was not discussed.

e. Sherwood

VC Mack-Allred noted representatives have expressed they want to move forward with the historic district status.

f. Beverly

Mr. Wesley noted this item could be removed as no further interest has been expressed.

g. IT Building

Mr. Wesley noted they have received the signed application from the City Manager; however need to schedule staff time to set up the public notifications. Mr. Wesley will notify the Board as more information comes available.

- 4) Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street**
Chair Bengé mentioned no follow up to date. She asked Mr. Wesley if Transportation could make the signs and what the cost would be. Mr. Wesley will contact and follow up.

It was discussed amongst the group possible sign locations and some fund raising ideas to help with the cost of the signs. Mr. Wesley noted he would contact the iMesa Committee for possible connections, and will follow up with Board. Mr. Linoff also suggested having a life-size sample of the sign on form-board at the conference as this may help to generate donations as well.

- 5) Update on the proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations**

Mr. Linoff noted he has been in contact with Jodi Sorrell, but that there was no new information to report. He continues to wait for the photos to be reviewed in order to move forward. Mr. Linoff will forward any information to the Board as it comes available.

- 6) Update on the student writing contest Council presentation, and discuss future contests**

Chair Bengé gave an overview of the contest winners attending the May Council meeting and what a success it was.

Chair Bengé asked the Board if they are interested in doing another writing contest, in which the Board agreed. Mr. Wesley suggested having the next contest out by September with a December deadline in hopes to give time during the holidays to review. The Board will bring this item back for further review.

- 7) Update on the historic downtown walking tour**

Chair Bengé gave an update noting there were some revisions, and requested the Board to review as well. Staff will forward an electronic copy to the Board for review and comment. Also, SRP has offered to print the tour maps.

- 8) Update on preparations for the 2013 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference**

Chair Bengé asked Mr. Linoff if any help is needed for the conference. Mr. Linoff noted volunteers are needed on June 11th from 9am-12pm to help stuff welcome bags at the Hilton Hotel. Also, volunteers are needed to help with conference sessions, and to let Mr. Linoff know if interested.

Mr. Linoff also asked to put the word out if they know anyone who provides a product or service for historic homes as they can become a vendor at the homeowner's expo. They can register directly on conference website under Exhibitors at:

<https://azpreservation.com/images/documents/2013/APF%20Homeowner%20Expo%20Registration%2004-07-13.pdf>.

It was noted that Mesa will be presented with two awards at the Friday's Governor's Awards Luncheon for the Governor's Archaeology Award for the Mesa Grande Cultural Park, and the State Preservation Award for the Diving Lady Neon Sign.

Chair Bengé noted that following the Saturday's 101 Expo session there will be a lunch for the Valley's Historic Preservation Board Chairs and Vice Chairs held at the Landmark Restaurant.

- 9) Update and discuss the Historic Preservation Nomination Awards**

Chair Bengé noted awards will be presented to the Arizona Museum of Natural History for the Mesa Grande Cultural Park, and to the Mesa Preservation Foundation for the Diving Lady Neon Sign. The awards will be presented at the June 3, 2013 Council meeting.

- 10) Discuss the 2013 HPB Annual Report**

Chair Bengé asked when the report is due. VC Mack-Allred responded noting June or July is the deadline. VC Mack-Allred noted she will work on the report, and will use the same format as last year. Staff will forward a copy of last year's report to the Board members for review.

11) Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

Chair Bengé noted the Federal Building is being renovated, and many of the AZ. Museum of Natural History items have been removed or thrown away because lack of room to house everything. VC Mack-Allred asked if a section of the parking garage could be used for storage. Chair Bengé replied stating she would take back to the Museum for review, but thought it would not work due to a lack of temperature controlled storage unit.

12) Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items

Board member Dahlke asked the Board if anyone was involved with the Mesa Preservation Foundation or the Arizona Preservation Foundation as she is interested in getting involved or to use as a resource. Chair Bengé and VC Mack-Allred noted they are both involved and suggested to coordinate a meeting with them.

Board member Young would like the Board's help in gathering information that is pertinent to historic preservation to be used in a Power Point presentation to assist new Board members. This will be added to the agenda for discussion.

Chair Bengé noted she will provide staff with new photos for the website.

Chair Bengé gave an overview of the Development Advisory Forum meeting that she attended. She noted there was support to save historic signs within Mesa, and in particular neon signs. Chair Bengé also noted that Gordon Sheffield with the City's Planning Department will be revising the historic sign code that will closely mirror the City of Tucson's code.

It was noted that Chair Bengé's term will expire on June 30, 2013. Mr. Wesley suggested adding an item to the June or July agenda for the election of the new officers.

13) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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