

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: December 13, 2007 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Jared Smith, Vice Chair Peter L'Orange Donna Bengé Barbara Jarrett	John Wesley Gordon Sheffield Dorothy Chimel Stephanie Nix Jerry Howard	Ann Mullins Matthew Hess David Dean Ron Peters Victor Linoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	SUPPORT PRESENT	
Steve McCance Jason Hughes Eric Goldman		

1. Call to Order

The December 13, 2007 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of the October 11, 2007 meeting

Ms. Bengé had one correction to make:

- Item #6, first section stated the Arizona Museum of Natural History received a grant for \$120,000 from Salt River Community for Mesa Grande. The grant amount was actually \$150,000.

Motion – Mr. L'Orange moved to approve the minutes.

Seconded – Ms. Bengé

Approved unanimously

3. **Update: Gordon Sheffield, City of Mesa Zoning Ordinance Update**

Gordon Sheffield presented information on the Zoning Ordinance Update Project; he discussed the progress to date, overview of use regulations, and gave a summary of recommended additions and changes.

Discussion followed on some of the boards concerns and questions.

4. Discussion of Buckhorn Baths

Ron Peters, local Mesa Architect gave update on Buckhorn Baths, he spoke with the owner Alice Sliger and there is an offer on the property and the possible new owner would like to re-open the property as a mineral spa but there are some environmental concerns with re-opening. Mr. Peters stated the wildlife taxidermy collection is going to the City of Apache Junction. Mr. Peters has been in contact with Alice and is trying to get her to donate an extensive Baseball memorabilia collection to the Mesa Historical Museum, but she has yet to agree.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Peters if the HPC Board could send some correspondence to Alice letting her know that the Board is interested in preserving the property. Mr. Peters said that would be fine and he thinks Alice would appreciate hearing from the Board.

John Wesley suggested we add the letter of correspondence to the next agenda, he will have City staff and the HPC Chairmen work on a draft and have it ready for the next meeting.

5. Update: Arizona Museum of Natural History and Mesa Historical Museum

- Dr. Jerry Howard gave update for Arizona Museum of Natural History
 - The Hohokam exhibit on Hohokam people is still open.
 - New exhibit on feathered dinosaurs is coming soon.
 - The museum is working on getting the archeology and cultural resources completed on the new Waveyard site. They are focusing on two specific areas one is the Riverview Park area and the second is the vortex property where a large antennae for Sky Harbor was located. The studies are being done to see if there is any Hohokam canals and housing in the area.

- Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Historical Museum
 - The Wallace and Ladmo exhibit began September 15, 2007. The exhibit will run at least until August 2009.
 - The Historic Home Tour will begin January 26th 2008, and will be in the West Second St District.
 - On January 10th 2008 a presentation will be made on Historic properties in Mesa, and some of Mesa's missing architecture at the Mesa Historical Museum auditorium.
 - On February 12th 2008 an event will be held for the Mayoral candidates.
 - The Museum has had some improvements made to the grounds by adding new sod and new greenery to get it ready for future events.

6. Items from Citizens Present-No Items

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

Mr. Smith thanked the three applicants for Historic Preservation Planner for their interest in the position and their attendance in the meet and greet and Board meeting. He and the Board are looking forward to the appointment of the new Planner.

8. Historic Preservation Officer and staff report on:
- Pioneer Park Locomotive-John Wesley updated that there efforts still being made on how to preserve the locomotive, and that Environmental Services is now working on the project as well.
 - Alston House-John Wesley updated
 - The RFP has gone out and has to be in by January 10th 2008.
 - Ron Peters who is the architect on the project told the Board that Patrick Murphy of the Town Center is reviewing the plans now and that the groundbreaking has to be done by the end of February to keep Grant funding.
9. Update: The next meeting date is still to be determined. Board members made the suggestion to moving it up to a January date and John Wesley said he would poll the board members and come up with a date that works better.

Motion: Ms. Jarrett moved to adjourn the December 13, 2007, meeting of the HPC.

Seconded: Ms. Bengé

Approved unanimously

Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.