



Draft Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Board Retreat

Date: April 14, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Arizona Museum of Natural History, 53 N. McDonald

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Bengé, Chair Jared Smith, Vice-Chair Barbara Jarrett Wendy Mack – Allred Randy Mann	Chad Cluff	John Wesley
Guests		
Mark Schofield, Kay Henry; I-Mesa Committee Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation		

1) Call meeting to order.

The April 14, 2012 retreat of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2) Discuss and prepare strategies for addressing the following ideas coming out of the iMesa Program

- a. Historic highway signage. Through discussion the Board agreed to further explore design options for the signs, then get cost estimates for the final signs, and work with iMesa to solicit sponsorships for producing and erecting the signs.
- b. City Center historic signage. Randy Mann will take pictures of the existing downtown historic signs for review by the Board.
- c. Buckhorn Baths. The HPB will continue to develop and promote the history of the facility and its importance to Mesa as part of the overall strategy to rehabilitate and reuse the property.
- d. Vice Chair Smith noted the Save the Train project could also benefit with the help of the iMesa Committee in getting possible funding and support to help move the train within the Pioneer Park. Vice Chair Smith will coordinate a meeting with I-mesa Committee to discuss further.

3) Review and discuss the following topics to update the City’s 2002 Historic Preservation Plan

The Board agreed to the following actions in connection with continuance of the existing Plan:

- Donna Bengé will work with the chair of the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission to try and establish a joint meeting.
- Each Board member will select a councilmember to contact and keep informed about HP issues. A standard letter will be created that outlines things the Board is working on to use with discussions with the councilmembers
- Continued review and strengthen of the HP website to provide useful information to those in historic districts; obtain books and publications that might be useful.
- Create a Facebook page.

4) Discuss and take action on the development of Historic Preservation school activities.

Randy Mann reviewed some options that he has developed. He and Donna will continue to develop these ideas and contact the schools to get them included in the curriculum.

5) Landmark Restaurant for lunch.

The Board convened at the Landmark Restaurant for lunch. There was general discussion on topics related to the retreat, but no specific discussion or action was taken

6) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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