



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board
 (Approved on Feb. 28, 2013. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Michelle Dahlke).

Date: January 24, 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 Clara Ziervogel Pamela Young Michelle Dahlke Chad Cluff	Randy Mann	John Wesley Julie Smiley
Guests		
Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation		

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Benge called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) Approval of the November 29, 2012 minutes

The November 29, 2012 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved with no changes.

First Motion made by Board member Young, and seconded by Board member Ziervogel.
 Motion carried 6-0

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

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena

Mr. Wesley noted that he met with district representatives and provided them with the waivers. The next step is to get them signed and notarized. Also, Mr. Wesley stated he was contacted by the Christian Science Church expressing interest in supporting the district. The Board will be notified as more information comes available.

Chair Benge asked about the status on the signatures, in which Mr. Wesley responded that we are still waiting.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

This item was not discussed.

c. Downtown area

This item was not discussed.

d. Westside/Clark

Mr. Wesley noted that he met with neighborhood representatives to provide the Prop 207 waivers, and currently waiting for follow up.

e. Sherwood

This item was not discussed.

Mr. Wesley requested to add to February's agenda to include designation discussions for the Beverly neighborhood area.

4) Discuss and vote on landmark designation of the IT Building – 59 E. 1st Street

The Board discussed this item only, no voting took place.

Chair Bengé noted that Mr. Ron Peters has nominated the IT Building to be listed as a historical landmark.

Mr. Wesley noted at this time the Board cannot vote as additional requirements need to be met first including obtaining a completed zoning application, and meet both the public notice requirements and the citizen's participation process. Once these requirements have been met, staff will create and forward a report for the HPB to review prior to voting on the designation. Mr. Wesley also commented that the Council did vote 7-0 to move forward with the designation.

5) Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé noted there will be a meeting in February that the valley's historic preservation consortium will meet to review the signage designs.

It was discussed that the use of the word historic cannot be used unless the Board goes through the State requirement process in which the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) needs to approve. Chair Bengé asked if the City could change the signs from color to black and white, and remove the historic wording, then they could proceed to the next needed requirements/approvals. It was also noted that the Board could work with other regional historic preservation groups to help with funding. Chair Bengé will work with Mr. Wesley on this item.

6) Update on the downtown historic signage

This item was reviewed and discussed.

a. Board member Young follow up findings on missing plaques

Board member Young gave an overview and provided a handout of her findings pertaining to the last three historic buildings from Board member Mann's walking tour presentation from the October 25, 2012 meeting. The findings included information on the Nile Theater, Mesa's first Sheriff's, and the Alston House. Chair Bengé also noted that the Alston House will be open on Saturday, January 26, 2013 for the walking/driving tour.

On another note, Chair Bengé mentioned she had updated the downtown walking tour map, and added two different paths starting at the City Plaza. This would help conserve time for the conference attendees, as well as give them the option to choose the path they would prefer to tour. However, she would like to do more research on other companies and buildings that were once downtown. Board members Ziervogel and Young offered to help with the research.

7) Discuss and develop strategies for the 2013 State Historic Preservation Conference

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé noted a correction; the item needs to read as the 2013 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference.

Chair Bengé discussed the mobile tours that will be offered which will include problem-solving participation. The toured areas are to include: Buckhorn Baths, the Citrus building, Mill at Tempe, ASU buildings, 2nd Avenue, and a night tour of neon signs. Receptions will be held at the Museum of Natural History, and at the Mesa Grande Cultural Center. Chair Bengé also encouraged the Board members to attend the open

workshop on Preservation 101 for homeowners as well as participate at the conference. Chair Bengé will provide more details after the valley consortium meets in February.

Mr. Linoff noted that the Saturday conference workshops and expos will be free to homeowners, and requested the Board to start getting the word out to our historic districts and homeowners for a successful participation. It was also noted that the mobile tours will be limited seating, and to refer to the website <http://www.azpreservation.com/> as it is updated continually.

Mr. Linoff noted confirmations will be given by mayors Smith and Stanton, as well another regional city mayor to be announced that will be moderated by former Attorney General, Terry Goddard for a discussion on public policy.

Board member Young commented on a press release that area tribal representatives will participate in some workshops to help open discussions on the preservation of cultural properties and resources. Both Chair Bengé and Mr. Linoff noted the overall theme for this year's conference is about sustainability and preservation awareness, and that these workshops will overlap the state conference. At this time, it is not known if there will be separate registrations or if it will be included in the state conference. More information will be provided as it comes available.

8) Receive updates and discuss:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Chair Bengé asked Mr. Linoff if any follow up has been made with Jodi Sorrell for another meeting on the historic panels. Mr. Linoff responded that he is still working on it. It was suggested he present a slideshow to the Board at an upcoming meeting of the pictures being considered.

Board member Ziervogel asked how many photos are needed for each panel. Mr. Linoff responded noting that each panel can accommodate 4 to 6 photos, but it's more of a matter of choosing the photos. The panels are designed to give information on the immediate surrounding area's history. It is also being proposed that QR codes will be used in the future to obtain more detailed information.

b. Historic Preservation Program for Mesa Public Schools

Chair Bengé asked if more submissions have been received. Mr. Wesley answered that no others were received, but will wait to see if any mailed entries would arrive by Monday. The contest deadline was January 25, 2013.

9) Discuss and consider Historic Preservation Awards

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé commented on revising the application, in which Vice Chair Mack-Allred offered to work with Mr. Wesley to update. Chair Bengé asked the Board to start thinking of people, groups and or houses to nominate for the award that will be given out at the May Council meeting. The categories will be forwarded to the Board for review.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé noted the opening of Mesa Grande was on January 19th in which over a thousand people attended. It will be open again on Saturday, January 26th for the home tour.

11) Board Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé recapped on the consortium meeting that will be held in Glendale to discuss road signs and the Wright House.

Also, Chair Bengé provided a flyer on the upcoming Arizona Archaeology Expo on March 16, 2013 that will be held at the Horseshoe Ranch at the Agua Fria National Monument. Visit <http://azstateparks.com/> for more information.

Mr. Wesley requested to add to the agenda an update on the General Plan.

12) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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