



Approved Minutes  
**Historic Preservation Board**  
 (Approved Dec.12, 2013. Motion made by James Taylor, and seconded by Dane Astle).

**Date:** September 26, 2013

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

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

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Clara Ziervogel, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Bernard Dawson James Taylor	Dane Astle Michelle Dahlke Pamela Young	John Wesley Julie Smiley	Donna Benge; Resident Haydee Dawson; Resident Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation

**1) Call meeting to order**

Chair Ziervogel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2) Approval of the August 22, 2013 minutes**

Board Action: The August 22, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

First Motion made by Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred, and seconded by Board member Taylor.  
 Motion carried 4-0.

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

Items a, b, d and f were reviewed and discussed.

**a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Pasadena/1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church**

VC Mack-Allred mentioned a date has not been scheduled yet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue neighborhood BBQ, and will have an update prior to the next meeting.

VC Mack-Allred has assisted the Methodist Church in preparing a preliminary application submittal for historic landmark designation to the SHPO's based on Criterion A & B. VC Mack-Allred provided a handout of the criterions for review, and will provide more information as it comes available including the portion for Criterion C.

**b. Washington Park-Escobedo**

Mr. Wesley noted no new updates to report.

Chair Ziervogel asked if the City could provide information of key contacts for the Escobedo area as she noticed people were moving in the new building. Mr. Wesley responded noting that portion of Escobedo is not part of the historic district, and has no current contacts to provide.

**c. Downtown**

This item was not discussed.

**d. Westside/Clark**

Mr. Wesley gave an update noting he has received contact from the neighborhood representatives, and the process is slowly moving forward with the local designation.

**e. Sherwood**

This item was not discussed.

**f. Buckhorn Baths**

Mr. Linoff gave an update noting the City has visited the site for environmental assessments and seems to be slowly moving forward. Also, Mr. Wesley mentioned that the City Engineer has requested that he attend a site visit with her to view the property.

**4) 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 Ziervogel provided a handout for the new Board members to review.

Ms. Benge provided a brief overview and explanation on the history for the historic signs and the significance to display them. The possible areas for the signs to be placed are at the east and west city boundaries along Main Street, each side of Mesa's historic downtown, near the Buckhorn Baths and the Diving Lady.

Chair Ziervogel asked Mr. Wesley if the Transportation Department was able to build and install the signs for a price. Mr. Wesley responded noting yes the Transportation can build, but would need to confirm if the price includes the installation.

Board member Taylor asked for clarification as to why the signs could not have the wording of historic on them. Mr. Wesley responded stating in order to use the verbiage we would have to process through the State, and follow their regulations and guidelines which would defeat it being a local effort.

Also, Chair Ziervogel mentioned the preferred sign size is the 36"x48" with reflective coating. It was asked if the signs would come with a warranty. Mr. Wesley will need to research and follow up at the next meeting.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff noted the comments are being reviewed by Valley Metro, and waiting to hear back. Also, Mr. Linoff noted that moving forward all communications will include Jodi Sorrell; Transit Project Manager as she is a key contact for the project.

**6) Update on the 2013-2014 student writing contest and education outreach programs**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley noted the forms have been published and out for distribution. Board member Dahlke helped distribute to the public schools and charter schools, and the forms are also available at the Mesa libraries.

**7) Discuss, prepare and approve agenda for Board retreat on October 26, 2013**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Ziervogel confirmed the retreat is scheduled for October 26, 2013, and will be in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled on October 24, 2013.

The Board reviewed and updated the retreat agenda. The items added were; discuss and review the Historic Preservation Plan, review the General Plan Update, walking tour of the historic downtown districts after lunch, and schedule the upcoming combined November and December meeting. Staff will provide the available dates.

**8) Presentation on potential sponsors for donations requests**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mrs. Dawson with Strategic Wealth Associates, and a Mesa resident provided a presentation outlining several Mesa insurance companies; Mutual of Omaha, American Family and State Farm that offer various grant opportunities to help fund local projects.

The Board discussed some projects that could benefit from the grant funds such as; the historic highway signs, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue neighborhood BBQ, a historic district surveying project, as well as the Buckhorn Baths. The Board also agreed to have the grant money be distributed through the Mesa Preservation Foundation instead of involving the City, and is preferred as it is a nonprofit organization.

Mrs. Dawson requested the Board provide all the necessary project information including project area, total costs, why requesting, how it is benefiting the community, and highlight how the insurance agent is giving back to the community. Mrs. Dawson offered to help with the application process and submit once the Board has approved the application. The only condition to receiving the grants is that the sponsoring insurance agent must be recognized at the project site.

Board member Taylor asked if there would be any conflicts with commercial advertising on the highway signs from the Transportation Department. Mr. Wesley will need check with Transportation, and will follow up at the next meeting.

## **9) Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Bengé provided an update on the AZ Museum of Natural History stating they have received several educational grants, and mentioned an article in the Republic Newspaper of the museum receiving a contribution of artifacts. These artifacts and more will be displayed in a new wing of museum that will be under construction soon.

Ms. Bengé noted there will be a tour of Mesa Grande for the AZ Archeology Council in the morning of October 25, 2013. The HPB members are encouraged to attend, and will need to contact Ms. Bengé for reservations. Ms. Bengé will confirm the time and follow up with the interested attendees.

Chair Ziervogel mentioned the 2014 Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Rio Rico, AZ in June, and asked if registrations would be covered again by the City. Mr. Wesley confirmed registrations would be covered, but transportation and lodging would be the responsibility of the HPB members. Chair Ziervogel invited all the HPB members to attend, and begin their registrations.

Mr. Linoff noted the Mesa Historical Museum will be moving into the old Federal Building with an expected move-in timeframe of 2015. Also, mentioned were some exhibits that will be displayed including a new Play Ball exhibit. Chair Ziervogel asked if he Play Ball exhibit will become a permanent exhibit. Mr. Linoff responded noting a spin-off of the Play Ball is expected to be housed at the new Cubs Stadium, but unsure exactly what it would include for the spring training displays.

Ms. Bengé gave an update noting the Council approved the IT Building landmark status.

## **10) Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

It was agreed to add a retreat agenda item of scheduling the combined November and December meetings. Staff will provide available dates to choose.

## **11) Adjournment**

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

First Motion made by Board member Dawson, and seconded by VC Mack-Allred.  
Motion carried 4-0.

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