



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board
 (Approved on May 23, 2013. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Michelle Dahlke).

Date: March 28, 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 Clara Ziervogel Michelle Dahlke	Pamela Young Randy Mann - Resigned	Gordon Sheffield Julie Smiley
Guests		
Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Linda Abbott, Save the Train Committee Ed Mack, Resident		

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Benge called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2) Approval of the February 28, 2013 minutes

Board Action: The February 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:

These items were not discussed except for Item C.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena

This item was not discussed.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

This item was not discussed.

c. Downtown

Mr. Linoff gave a brief update noting the Foundation's work with the property owners is on-going in trying to help inform and gain support for a commercial historic district. The HPB will be notified as more information comes available.

d. Westside/Clark

This item was not discussed.

e. Sherwood

This item was not discussed.

f. Beverly

This item was not discussed.

g. IT Building

This item was not discussed.

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.

Mr. Linoff noted that the Foundation is working on presenting this topic to the City of Tempe. Chair Bengé also noted that this was discussed last month at the Valley Consortium meeting.

5) Update on the downtown historic walking tour and signage

This item as was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sheffield noted that students from the ASU Graduate Planning Program: Students for the New Urbanism are making directional signs that will be placed around Downtown for the April 4, 2013 Bike Day to help promote a walkable downtown.

Chair Bengé gave a brief update on the status of the walking tour map for the AZ Historic Preservation Conference, noting there will be a Tour A and a Tour B map options. The research on the historic downtown buildings is on-going, and plan to include on the walking tour maps.

6) Update on preparations for the 2013 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference

This item was review and discussed.

Chair Bengé requested staff to remove the City of Mesa Historic Commercial District event from her registration as she will be working at this event.

Mr. Linoff provided some updates, and a flyer for the Board to share regarding updated activities and sponsors at the conference. This flyer is also available on the Arizona Historic Preservation website; <https://azpreservation.com>. Mr. Linoff suggested the Board members to volunteer as event Aides if possible as this will provide more event availabilities, and also requested the need for volunteers to help stuff bags on June 11, 2013.

7) Receive updates and discuss:

Item a. only was reviewed and discussed.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Mr. Linoff stated he has not received a response yet on this, but will continue to work and bring back to the Board at April's meeting.

b. Historic Preservation Program for Mesa Public Schools

This item was not discussed.

8) Discuss and decide on winners of the student submissions from the historic writing contest

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The Board reviewed, discussed and unanimously decided the winners of the student writing submissions. The Board agreed to include two fourth place winners as former Board member Cluff donated the prize money to include this. Staff will coordinate and mail letters to the students to be invited to the May Council meeting for recognition. The winners are as follows:

1st Place – Annie Hanning, *Caroline Button and the Girls' War Effort Club*

2nd Place – Isabel Hanning, *Anna and the Maricopa County Fair*

3rd Place – Kaitlyn Ashcroft, *Mesa Temple*

4th Place – Anna Hogle, *My Life Traveling to Mesa*

4th Place – Paige Savory, *Falcon Training*

9) Discuss and consider Historic Preservation Awards nomination process and timeline for 2013

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred noted the revised nomination form is complete, and is now on the City's website.

Chair Bengé has requested for staff to schedule the presentation of the nominations for the June Council

meeting. Also, she requested the Board to submit their nominations.

10) Staff presentation and discussion on Mesa Sign Ordinance Update project

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sheffield provided a presentation on the update of the Mesa Sign Ordinance. Mr. Sheffield talked in depth regarding the progression of the sign regulations to the current adopted 1986 Ordinance, and the need for the current update to make the Ordinance more user-friendly.

City staff and the Sign Code Advisory Board which consists of volunteers from the Design Review Board, Board of Adjustment and the Planning & Zoning Board are working on this update. The anticipated adoption of the new Ordinance is scheduled for January 2014 once all public input has been met.

It was also discussed amongst the group how there is very little inventory and or documentation of historic signs. Mr. Sheffield suggested to the Board to attend the Development Advisory Forum (DAF) meetings to help provide input and to be in the know of the upcoming events. Staff will update the DAF email list to include the Board members. Mr. Linoff also provided input on how to assess and document the preservation of historic signs.

Mr. Sheffield and Mr. Linoff addressed a question and answer session after the presentation.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Abbott from the Save the Train Committee gave an update regarding the Save the Train project. It was noted the Committee has received positive support from the Mayor and Council as well as the Parks Director, and they continue to move forward with the re-location of the train to the front of Pioneer Park. The Committee is reaching out to other entities to discuss and develop possible designs for the train and park.

Mr. Linoff gave updates on the Diving Lady and Buckhorn Baths. A final update to note the re-dedication and the lighting of the Diving Lady will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Discussions continue with the trustees of the Buckhorn Baths, and will provide more information as it comes available.

Mr. Linoff also noted an event performed by students called Mesa On Stage at the Mesa Arts Center. This performance celebrates civic history and encourages students to make great accomplishments. The show is on May 2, 2013 and tickets are on sale through the website at: <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/shows/theater/mesaonstage>

Board member Ziervogel provided a handout to the Board for information purposes only regarding the process and approval on the Frank Lloyd Wright House.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Board member Dahlke requested the Board to come up with questions for her to bring up at the next General Plan meeting.

13) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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