

**CITY OF MESA**  
**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** April 7, 2005      **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Chair David Dean Vince Anderson Lane Burdick Victor Linoff Pat Mendivil Ron Peters	Shelly Allen Lisa Garcia Amy Morales	Mayor Kino Hawker Debra Spinner Sandra Apsey Jerry Howard Lisa Anderson
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>		

**1. Call to Order.**

The March 10, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2. Consider Minutes of February 10, 2005 Regular Meeting.**

It was moved by David Dean, seconded by Ron Peters to recommend approval of the March 10, 2005 Minutes, as amended.

Vote: 6 in favor  
0 opposed

**3. Discuss and Consider the 2005 Historic Preservation Award Nominations – Amy Morales**

Ms. Morales presented the Historic Preservation Award scores to the Committee. She indicated that all scores submitted by the HPC members were tabulated and the top candidates were selected. Ms. Morales stated that one nomination submitted was not eligible because, it was located outside the Mesa City limits, the applicant was notified. She asked Committee members to vote on the award recipients.

Chair Dean clarified the ranking process to the Committee members and discussed the three nominations selected for the 2005 Historic Preservation Awards Program and why they were very clear choices.

Chair Dean indicated that those who are not selected this year should be encouraged to reapply next year.

**It was moved by Chair David Dean, seconded by Vince Anderson, to present the 2005 Historic Preservation Awards to nominations A, C, and E.**

**Vote: 6 in favor  
0 opposed**

Chair Dean stated that staff will be notifying the nominees that they will receive an award at the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**4. Discuss Post War II Neighborhood Study**

Ms. Allen reported that due to staff related issues this project has not yet been assigned to any staff member.

Ms. Lisha Garcia added that she agreed there are no staff resources to complete this project.

Substantial discussion ensued regarding the importance of the Post World War II neighborhood study, and the positive impacts of Historic Preservation to the City of Mesa.

**5. Discuss the Housing Committee/Housing Plan**

Chair Dean asked Committee members to read over the material provided in their packets and discussion will follow at the next months meeting.

**6. Discuss Council Study Session for Historic Preservation**

Members of the HPC stated that they would like to make a presentation to the City Council as a way of communicating and keeping the Council up to date on what the HPC has been doing.

Mayor Hawker responded that every year he tries to attend at least one meeting of all the Advisory Committees. Mayor Hawker stated that he thought that Agenda Item #8 was an interesting topic for discussion and decided to attend this meeting. He added that unless the HPC has a specific critical issue to discuss that the Council does not need a general update since the Council receives copies of the various boards/committee minutes.

The HPC discussed the importance of Historic Preservation and the potential to discuss the economic benefits of historic preservation at a future City Council study session.

7. **Discuss Future CDBG Application process related to Historic/Potentially Eligible Properties**

Ms. Garcia explained the Community Revitalization Office process includes the ultimate goal to treat every City Committee and Advisory Board in the same manner. The CDBG applications are not presented to Advisory Committees.

Discussion followed regarding the processing of Section 106 reviews.

8. **Discuss and Consider a recommendation to City Council to suspend the City of Mesa Historic Preservation Program until sufficient staff and resources can be allocated to support the program.**

The HP Committee discussed their concerns with the staffing levels for Historic Preservation and the City's commitment to the HP program.

The Committee discussed suspending the City of Mesa's Historic Preservation Program until sufficient staff and resources can be allocated to support the program.

A motion was made but failed to move forward and was later withdrawn by Vince Anderson.

9. **Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: April 2005- Shelly Allen**

Mr. Anderson questioned the Alston house and the Irving school for not listing on the agenda for discussion that both were in the newspaper and had no idea what they were recommending. He stated they should have been on the agenda so the committee could get a status report on them.

Ms. Spinner from the Attorney General's office indicated that the Agenda items could not be added if they were not individually listed on the agenda because of public notification reasons.

Chair Dean asked all committee members to notify him of any topic items that they would like to discuss and be placed on the agenda.

10. **Report: Mesa Public Library, Mesa Room – Sandra Apsey**

Ms. Apsey gave an update on the research conducted on Dr. Alston and found an obituary on him but did not find any information about when he actually came. She said that in an African American newspaper that was published in the Phoenix Tribune and several Mesa businesses placed a full page add in the

newspaper in 1921 and that newspaper has been photographed and is on microfilm at the Arizona State Archives.

Ms. Apsey stated that she did a presentation on Washington Park in Santa Fe at the Society for applied Anthropology and the Southwest oral History Association.

Mr. Linoff thanked Ms. Apsey for the research that was provided to the Committee and appreciates all she has done.

**11. Report: Mesa Southwest Museum – Jerry Howard**

Mr. Howard reported that the museum has a new exhibit named “Tusks” which focuses on Mastodons and Mammoths and there will be an exhibit at the Hohokam Archeology that will focus on Archeology in the City of Mesa and will present Riverview, Mesa Grande, Pecos Road along with other projects that have been completed. He also said the agreement with Mesa Banner Hospital to do an exhibit on their 8th floor on Mesa Grande has collect donations from SRP and Southwest Ambulance and both have donated 10, 000 dollars and with that funding in place we will do the exhibit. Verdugo has done the grant with Ron’s submittal.

**12. Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Jared Smith or Lisa Anderson**

Ms. Anderson reported that their annual barbeque this year was a great success and more than 350 people attended. She gave an update on Jared Smith’s book. She said half of the 200 copies have already been sold and more copies will be printed. She mentioned the possibility of getting Mr. Smith on the Humanity Council to give a lecture series sometime in the future. She said they had their first Strategic Planning meeting and Ron and Vic attended along with 51 participants from the community. She is planning another strategic planning meeting in May with the Board to discuss board development and government issues.

Ms. Anderson also stated they are currently experiencing budget issues and Council is looking at eliminating some programs. She is asking for community support to encourage more funds to operate another year. She said this would be discussed at the next council meeting.

**13. Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items**

Committee members discussed the following items to be included in next month’s agenda:

- 1) Housing Committee/Housing Plan
- 2) Requesting a full update on:
  - a) Irving School
  - b) RFP Clark Side & Fraser Fields

- c) Alston House CDBG application
- d) HP Awards
- e) Section 106 Programmatic Agreement
- f) Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park
- g) Quarterly Historic District Rep Meeting

**14. Items from Citizens Present (no action can be taken)**

No items from citizens present.

**15. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelly Allen, Historic Preservation Officer  
*Minutes prepared by Liz Kuwamoto*

Historic Preservation Committee  
April 7, 2005

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