



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board
 (Approved on Feb. 27, 2014. Motion made by Michelle Dahlke and seconded by Jim Taylor).

Date: January 23, 2014

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 Dane Astle Michelle Dahlke James Taylor		John Wesley Julie Smiley	Donna Bengel; Resident Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation David Short; DMA

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Ziervogel called the meeting order at 6:06 p.m.

2) Approval of the December 12, 2013 minutes

Board Action: The December 12, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.
 First Motion made by Board member Astle and seconded by Board member Dawson.
 Motion carried 6-0.

3) Downtown presentation by David Short

David Short; Director of Downtown Mesa Association (DMA) gave a presentation on the contractual services and responsibilities they provide such as: maintenance, cleaning, graffiti removal, marketing and events, and parking and enforcement to name a few within the interior square mile they maintain.

After the presentation, Mr. Short opened the floor to the Board for discussion. Here are the questions asked in which Mr. Short replied:

- Does DMA have a working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce? Yes, they partner with them as well as all the other downtown associations.
- Do the property owners desire to maintain the historic façade of the buildings? Yes, the DMA is in discussions with the downtown property owners for a possible creation of an historic downtown district.
- Any word on when the Goldwater Library will open? This project is still in progress; however there have been no new updates provided to the DMA.
- How is DMA managing with the Light Rail construction issues? Noted there are construction constraints such as space needs, and sprinkler requirements. However, believes in the end the Light Rail will help to revitalize the downtown area.
- How are tax assessments determined? This was a Council approved motion which is property owner driven, and is based on property zones.
- Clarification requested on what unit level are the residential non-profit apartment units assessed? Would need to confirm, but believes it is at 8 or 13 units and higher that would pay a per unit assessment.
- This is the first improvement district created in Arizona? Yes, and has also worked closely with the City to create the first Entertainment District in Mesa. This allows for more use and or re-use of spaces that were otherwise restricted.
- Are there membership fees? No, the fees are incorporated within the lease.

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

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena/1st Methodist Church

Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred noted they will amend the Methodist Church application as the State rejected the historic qualification. Also VC Mack-Allred is waiting to file the grant application for 2nd Ave/Pasadena survey as she recently received the information needed from Haydee Dawson.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

No updates provided. Mr. Wesley will contact the representative, and follow up at the next meeting.

c. Downtown

Mr. Linoff first wanted to congratulate Chair Ziervogel for becoming a board member with the Mesa Historic Preservation Foundation.

Mr. Linoff noted the January meeting with the property owners was postponed until February, and he hopes to have an update by the next meeting.

d. Westside/Clark

No updates provided.

e. Sherwood

No updates provided.

f. Buckhorn Baths

Mr. Wesley noted the only update he has is that the City Manager and staff will be touring the property soon.

Chair Ziervogel mentioned the i-Mesa website has been updated with the Environmental tests.

Mr. Linoff noted he had a conversation with the City Manager regarding the Environmental tests, which there will be some significant costs to repair. However, the City has not lost interest in acquiring the property.

5) Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street
a. Update of application status by Haydee Dawson

Ms. Bengé noted that Tempe and Phoenix are interested in using the same sign layout for their respective areas.

Mrs. Dawson emailed a handout for staff to distribute to the Board. The Board discussed to table 5a until the next meeting as Mrs. Dawson was not available to provide any updates.

Board Action: Item 5a was requested to be tabled until the February meeting for further discussion.
First Motion made by Board member Taylor and seconded by Board member Dahlke.
Motion carried 6-0.

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

Mr. Linoff gave an update noting the meeting with Valley Metro they had determined a timetable for each panel station. The first benchmark will be the end of January in which the final selection of photos, illustrations and text will be provided for Sycamore Street. Then at the end of February, the selections for Alma School will be submitted, and the group will move from there.

Board member Taylor asked Mr. Linoff who “we” is referring to in his updates. Mr. Linoff noted it is a committee who has been chosen to review and determine the panel selections that will first be presented to Valley Metro for their approval. Then the selections will be presented to the HPB and City Council for final approval.

Board member Dawson confirmed during this discussion that Mrs. Dawson will not be attending to provide the application updates. The Board made a motion to table the item. See Item 5a for Board Action.

7) Review and discuss winners for the 2013-2014 student writing contest essays

The Board reviewed, discussed, and unanimously decided the winners of the student writing submissions.

The Board agreed to have a first, second and third place winners. VC Mack-Allred offered to donate the prize money for the winners. Staff will mail letters to the students with the invitation to the March 3, 2014 City Council meeting, and coordinate the press release. The winners are as follows:

1st Place – Carolina Meza, *Falcon Field's Dream*

2nd Place – Aubrey Boberg, *A New Name*

3rd Place – Sophia Hackett, *Will It Ever End*

The Board discussed briefly next year's contest, and requested this topic be added to the February agenda for further discussion.

8) Review and discuss HPB's Planning & Zoning, and Design Review presentation by Board members Astle and Taylor

Board member Taylor requested for more information as to what content needs to be provided before he and Board member Astle can move forward including: when, where, why, location on agenda, time allotment, is technology available, and are handouts allowed.

Chair Ziervogel suggested talking about what the job is of the HPB and the historical significance of what the HPB does noting that it is citizen lead.

Mr. Wesley suggested the presentation should be no more than ten (10) minutes, and to present at the study sessions of the Planning & Zoning Board (PZB) that are held in the Lower Council Chambers. Another suggestion was to wait until after July as new board members will be appointed.

Mr. Linoff explained the need to go before the PZB to help educate, and note how the roles of HPB affect the roles of PZB.

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

Chair Ziervogel noted two updates:

- February 25, 2014 from 10am - 4pm a self-paced tour of the Mesa Historical Museum 14th Annual Home Tour. Tickets are available at the Museum as well as the Westwood Heritage District and the Church on McDonald.
- AZ State Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Rio Rico from June 10-14, 2014. If interested in attending, send registration requests to staff for payment; however travel, lodging and food will be the responsibility of the board member. Staff will email the conference information along with a registration deadline to the Board members.

Chair Ziervogel also mentioned an article from the Arizona Republic noting the City of Phoenix has given the Barrister Building (formally the Jefferson Hotel) an historical designated for the outside of the building. She thought this is something the HPB could consider for Mesa.

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

The next HPB meeting will be held on February 27, 2014 at 6pm in the Lower Level Council Chambers.

Chair Ziervogel requested to keep discussions on the HP presentation, student writing contest, Mrs. Dawson's presentation. Also, Mr. Wesley suggested including discussions on the HP Awards.

Ms. Bengé commented that SRP provided and delivered more downtown walking tour booklets. Chair Ziervogel asked if the City could print more if the file was provided. Mr. Wesley replied noting that should not be a problem to provide.

11) Adjournment

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

First Motion made by Board member Dawson, and seconded by Vice Chair Mack-Allred.
Motion carried 6-0.

Supporting data is available for public review in the Planning Division,
Municipal Building, 55 N. Center St., Mesa, Arizona 85201

The City of Mesa is committed to making its public meetings accessible to persons with disabilities. For special accommodations, please contact the Neighborhood Services Administration Office at 644-2387 or 644-2778 (TDD) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Para asistencia en Español, llamar (480) 644-5597.