



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on Mar. 28, 2013. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Michelle Dahlke).

Date: February 28, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Donna Bengé, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Clara Ziervogel Pamela Young Michelle Dahlke	Randy Mann	John Wesley Julie Smiley	

1) Call meeting to order

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

2) Approval of the January 24, 2013 minutes

Board Action: The January 24, 2013 minutes were unanimously approved with no changes.

First Motion made by Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred, and seconded by Board member Dahlke.
Motion carried 5-0

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 stated an email was sent to follow up with the representatives, and no response has been received to date.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

Mr. Wesley reported the neighborhood has recently approved the quality of life plan, which supports the idea of creating a historic district. There has been no further contact from the neighborhood in response to moving forward with a district.

c. Downtown

Mr. Wesley provided Mr. Ron Peters a map showing property boundaries and owners to contact in regards to establishing a historic district. Chair Bengé has also been working with Mr. Peters.

d. Westside/Clark

Mr. Wesley reported since the last meeting the district has received all of its Prop 207 Waivers for them to begin the district process. No follow up has been received to date.

e. Sherwood

This item was not discussed.

f. Beverly

Mr. Wesley reported no follow up has been received, and waiting for upcoming Planning meetings to see if neighborhood expresses any more interest.

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 Bengé gave a brief update noting she showed the sign to the Valley Coalition at the last meeting, and received a favorable response. She also noted the redesigned sign will have the wording as original route instead of historic district in order to comply with State requirements.

Mr. Wesley noted that he continues to work on contacting the State representative who lives in Mesa for assistance as his schedule allows. He will forward any updates to the Board as they come available.

5) Update on the downtown historic walking tour and signage

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé noted she and Board member Ziervogel continue the research efforts, and is on-going.

A brief discussion took place on this topic including; address numbers and placement discrepancies, past downtown businesses, and noting the draft walking tour pamphlet. Mr. Wesley offered to check the availability of the Mesa Room for Board members to use for research purposes.

Board member Young also offered her assistance for researching during the second week of March. Chair Bengé will follow up if needed.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé inquired if the Board members reservations have been made. Mr. Wesley responded noting staff has received notification from State Historic Office that a set amount of money is available for reimbursement, and staff will move forward with confirming the reservations.

Mr. Wesley requested the Board members to email staff of which workshops they are interested in attending to ensure their reservations are complete.

7) Receive updates and discuss:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Chair Bengé reported that she is waiting for the next meeting to be scheduled. Also, noted that she talked with someone from the Washington Park area that expressed interest, and wanted to help with putting information on the panel and designation.

b. Historic Preservation Program for Mesa Public Schools

This item was not discussed as Board member Mann was not in attendance.

c. Valley Historic Preservation Board meeting from February 19, 2013

Chair Bengé gave a recap of the meeting noting it was held in Glendale at the Manistee Ranch. The consortium each discussed their city's progress, in which Chair Bengé reported that Mesa is doing well. Some items discussed were;

- Tempe's grant funded ASU interns that help with post war surveys dating from 1958-1978,
- Phoenix looking for HP Officer,

- Owners of the Wright House are fixing up for public use,
- Phoenix recommendation to use Motely Design Group for survey work,
- Historic cemeteries; Mesa should look into, and
- Invitations extended to Chairs and Vice Chairs for lunch at the Landmark Restaurant on the Saturday of the conference, and all boards/commissions were invited to attend the 101 Presentation.

VC Mack-Allred inquired if Mesa could look into an internship for an HP Officer. Staff will need to review, and will follow up as information comes available.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The Board received five essay submissions and decided to table this item until the next meeting as each member will take an essay to review for historical accuracy, and if met essay criteria.

The Board did agree to invite all the children to the May Council meeting for recognition. Mr. Wesley will coordinate to schedule on the May Council agenda.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

A handout was provided of a re-designed draft nomination form.

The Board discussed this item and suggested to present the awards at the June Council meeting. It was recommended to have all final nominations submitted by the third week of April in order to ensure timely notifications and processing of the awards.

The Board also agreed to have Chair Bengé and VC Mack-Allred to proceed with updating the form as needed in order to move forward with this year's nomination requests. Staff will forward to the Board and post on-line once completed.

Chair Bengé noted her nominations to Larry Graham for the Diving Lady, and Ron Peters for the Mesa Grande Cultural Park.

10) Receive a presentation and discuss the General Plan update

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley gave an overview of on the General Plan (GP) update, and noted Board member Dahlke is the representative for the GP Committee. She is taking the place of former Board member Cluff.

The highlights included that staff is taking a more general approach on the GP that will focus more on the character of the area instead of the specific Land Use. The hope is to help evolve the community to be more flexible. Staff is proposing the use of character areas rather than specific land uses. Staff is also proposing to focus the plan on three topics: neighborhoods, economic development, and public spaces and amenities.

Once staff presents to Council and if approved, than beginning in March/April, public feedback will be requested before the plan drafting process begins.

A handout was provided for information purposes noting some communities across the nation are showing Historic Preservation dividends.

Mr. Wesley opened the discussion to the Board for questions. VC Mack-Allred asked if surveys need to be done on the post-war neighborhoods. These neighborhoods have already been identified and numbered, and Board member Young requested to view the surveys. Board member Ziervogel asked if input has been received from the Mayor regarding the Gateway area. A positive feedback has been conveyed to

staff. Chair Bengé asked if any of the iMesa Village meetings will be held in Mesa. Mr. Wesley provided the dates and locations of those meetings that will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and will be advertised as follows:

- March 26th – Whittier Elementary School
- March 28th – Livingwood Bible Church
- April 2nd – City of Mesa Utilities Building
- April 4th – Crescent Crown Distributing
- April 10th – Superstition Springs Elementary School
- April 11th – Falcon Hill Elementary School

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

Chair Bengé asked about the landmark status of the IT Building, and if voting will be ready for the March meeting. Mr. Wesley responded that staff is working on finalizing the application, than will need to be open for the citizens participation process. The target is to be ready for Board approval by the April meeting.

VC Mack-Allred mentioned her father is helping to redesign the dinosaur at the Arizona Museum of Natural History.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé requested to add the discussion of the IT Building to item 3. Also, requested staff to schedule the award nominations for the June Council meeting.

13) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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