

# City of Mesa

## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

**Date:** April 10, 2008      **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Steve McCance, Chair Jared Smith, Vice Chair Donna Benge Barbara Jarrett	Anne Mullins Gordon Sheffield Jerry Howard Stephanie Nix	
MEMBERS ABSENT	SUPPORT PRESENT	
Eric Goldman Jason Hughes H. Peter L'Orange, IV		

1. Call to Order

The April 10, 2008 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting  
– Approved as written

**Motion** – Ms. Benge moved to approve the minutes.

**Seconded** – Mr. Smith.

**Approved unanimously**

3. Discuss and Consider: Zoning Ordinance Update-Gordon Sheffield

Mr. Sheffield gave a presentation on Module 2 of the Zoning Ordinance Update. Mr. Sheffield asked the Committee to consider how the proposed changes may affect the HPC Overlay Zones. Ms. Mullins will coordinate with Mr. Sheffield on revisions to Single Residence Districts (SR-6) and how it will affect HPC overlay zones. The applicable sections included front and rear yard setbacks, porch heights, additions, and tandem parking, RS District-Garage Setbacks and Garage-scape, and RSL Small front yards with little setback, General Site Regulations. Mr. Sheffield also answered questions from the Board.

4. Discuss and Consider: Draft Historic Clearance Review Requirements & Application

Ms. Mullins discussed her application and requirements with the Board and asked for them to look it over and let her know if they have suggestions or comments.

5. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: April 2008

a) Status on Alston House-

- Completion of Roofing Specification for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Process
- Special Use Permit for General Office Use Approved & Variance for Removal of Covered Parking Requirement- Approved in February
- Final Architectural Drawings Completed-Ron Peters-Completed in February and approved
- Termite Inspection Completed-Found substantial damage throughout home
- Meeting with SHPO- March 5, 2008

b) Status Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park

- Internal Staff Meeting on February 28, 2008-Status of Buildings and Occupants
- Meeting with SHPO on March 5, 2008
- Internal Staff meeting on March 12, 2008-Meeting with City Manager
- Preparation of Historic Documentation on Structures

c) Status on 767 N. Robson Addition-A new architect has been hired for the project and the owner has scaled back plans for home, Ms. Mullins provided the owner with an application and has requested to see drawings for home.

d) Status on Pioneer Park Locomotive #2355

- Citizen Committee- Meetings 2/20, 2/27, 3/4, 3/11/, 3/18, 3/25
- Fundraising Events-Memories on Main Car Show (T-Shirt & Frisbee Sale), Superstition Farms-Partial Proceeds Donated
- Website: [www.saveourtrain.com](http://www.saveourtrain.com), Mesa Parks Foundation Accepting Donations

e) Status on Buckhorn Baths-No Activity

f) Status on Historic District Map and Zoning Overlays-Previously there were not any maps created for viewing on City website, Ms. Mullins found all maps previously approved by City Council and the maps have been sent to the GIS Department to be added to the online maps and databases.

g) Status on Historic Preservation Website-Amended Contact, Address, links, Maps, HP Plan, HP Ordinance-Ms. Mullins has updated all information on the HPC website.

6. 2008 Historic Preservation Awards- Channel 11, Press Release, City of Mesa Website, Nomination forms distributed to Historical Museum, Arizona Museum of Natural History, and Mesa Library. Nominations accepted until 4/25/08

Ms. Mullins asked the Board to start thinking of nominations for the 2008 Awards. She is also working on setting up and Awards ceremony for the 2007 award recipient Irving School for June.

7. Report: Arizona Museum of Natural History – Jerry Howard

- Hohokam exhibits still running and has been moved to a single gallery. Some of the material from this exhibit will get to stay with the museum permanently.
- Blockbuster exhibit-Feathered Dinosaurs show the relationship between Birds and Dinosaurs.
- The museum has far exceeded income and visitation projections this year.
- Mesa Grande-Progress has been made with the \$150,000 grant from the Salt River Community. Ron Peters is the architect on the project. The museum would like to apply for a Heritage Fund Grant, and the deadline for submittal is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Howard asked if the Board could write a letter showing support for the Museum and how the grant money would fit into the City's Historical Preservation Plan.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> was the Mesa Grande second annual Archeological site tour, which featured a pancake breakfast, tours of the mound, and activities for kids. Also held a Boy Scout Merit Badge Ceremony on the mound.
- The museum is working on getting the archeology and cultural resources completed on the Waveyard site. They are focusing on two specific areas one is the Riverview Park area and the second is the vortex property where a large antennae for Sky Harbor was located.

8. Report: Mesa Historical Museum-Jared Smith

- Wallace and Ladmo tribute event will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa Art Center, Ladmo Bags will be given out.
- The Mesa High Rabbits-Western themed marching group from the 1940's to early 70's are holding a fundraiser at the museum on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- New exhibit featuring Cactus League History will open in October.

9. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda items

- Ms. Bengé inquired if the Fitch Farm Adobe home is on the National Registry, if not, she would like to see it added.
- Ms. Bengé inquired if there has been an Archeological survey done on the Mesa water farm-Ms. Mullins will look into, and report back.
- Mr. McCance requested an agenda item be added to the next meeting to select a new chair person, as his term ends in June 2008.

10. Items from Citizens Present (No action can be taken)-No Items

11. News Articles-Articles of interest included in Board Members Packet

12. Adjournment

**Motion:** Ms. Jarrett moved to adjourn the April 10, 2008, meeting of the HPC.

**Seconded:** Ms. Bengé

**Approved unanimously**

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.