



Approved Minutes of the  
**Historic Preservation Board**

(Approved on March 22, 2012. Motion made by Jared Smith and seconded by Barbara Jarrett).

**Date:** February 23, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** 20 E. Main, Room 170

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Donna Benge, Chair Jared Smith, Vice-Chair Barbara Jarrett Chad Cluff Wendy Mack – Allred	John Wesley Julie Smiley	Vic Linoff – Resident, Mesa Preservation Foundation
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Support Present</b>	
Randy Mann Jeff Jarvis		

1) **Call to order.**

The February 23, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2) **Consider minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Board member Barbara Jarrett to approve the January 26, 2012 minutes with no changes.

Motion carried, 5-0

3) **Review and provide input on proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Vic Linoff and Vice Chair Smith noted there was no new information to report regarding the project. The HPB will be updated as more information comes available.

4) **Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for downtown Mesa.**

Item (b) was reviewed and discussed.

a. Downtown – No discussion

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Board member Mack-Allred noted she attended the neighborhood meeting but has not received any information on the outcome. She will forward any information to the HPB as it comes available.

Chair Bengé asked if there was budgeted money to perform redistricting surveys. Mr. Wesley stated at one time there was funding in the Planning budget, but unfortunately this year's budget has no funding. Vice Chair Smith asked the question of if it was possible to allocate money in the upcoming FY12/13 budget for two to three surveys. Mr. Wesley noted at this time at the department level that is not possible due to the budget has already been allocated and forwarded for City Manager review. Mr. Linoff suggested the HPB and or staff to look into a heritage fund offered at the Federal level called the SHPO Pass through Money. Mr. Wesley will contact and follow up at the next meeting.

5) **Historic Preservation Awards.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

A discussion ensued regarding the two nominations received for the Historic Preservation Awards which were for the Alston House and Save the Train Citizens Committee.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Board member Mack-Allred and seconded by Vice Chair Smith to distribute two awards for the Alston House nominations recognizing the use of adaptation reuse, and rehabilitation and restoration. The names and or organizations will be announced once the board determines the language for the award.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Board member Mack-Allred and seconded by Board member Jarrett to distribute an award for Saving the Train Citizens Committee nomination recognizing the education and activism of the project. The names and or organizations will be announced once the board determines the language for the award.

Motion carried, 4-0; Vice Chair Smith abstained from voting.

6) **Update from the Historic Highway Signage Sub-committee.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé shared with the group and gave staff a sample of a possible sign design using various historical highway shields. She suggested to use the brown and white style sign consistent with current historical signage, but thought the shields could be in black and white for more visual effect. Also, the Board agreed that the sign be named Mesa Main Street.

The Board also discussed possible locations that should include the signs along the motel routes such as Lindsey & Sycamore near the Diving Lady Motel.

7) **Discuss Historic Preservation Board Retreat.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé gave possible date and time suggestions for the retreat of March 24<sup>th</sup>, or April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A brief discussion took place of possible venues to hold the retreat such as; Landmark, EVIT, or a City of Mesa meeting room. Chair Bengé requested staff to send an email to the board members to gather a consensus and to schedule the retreat.

8) **Discuss ideas for involving schools in Historic Preservation activities.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

A brief brainstorming session took place. Some ideas given included a lesson plan that would require elementary students to research and write essays or answer questions, as well as a

treasure hunt using computers to research and write about what they found. Chair Bengé suggested keeping the item on the agenda for the next meeting for more discussion.

**9) Updates on all Museum, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff gave some updates first stating the AZ. Historic Museum now has a play ball/ spin room located in the new area of the museum that was used during the Presidential Debates.

Second, the Preservation Foundation is working to coordinate and bring the 2013 Preservation Conference to Mesa, and will update as information comes available.

Third, the Preservation Foundation still needs donation money for the Diving Lady to help move the project to final completion.

Fourth, the Preservation Foundation suggested the HPB tour the Buckhorn Baths to help gain support in saving the property.

Chair Bengé noted the Preservation Conference this year will be held in Prescott from June 13-15, and asked members to attend if they are able. Mr. Wesley also noted that scholarship money is available through the City to pay for the conference registration, and asked the members to let him know as soon as possible on their attendance.

**10) Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.**

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Agenda items requested to be added for the next meeting was a discussion of the General Plan Update and HBP's involvement. A discussion of the preservation of the City's IT Building. Another item added after the meeting was to include a review/discussion with I-Mesa Committee on the Buckhorn Baths.

**11) Adjournment.**

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.