

CITY OF MESA

AMENDED MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 10, 2005 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Chair David Dean Vince Anderson Lane Burdick Victor Linoff Ron Peters	Sandra Apsey Kathy Guthmiller Jerry Howard Greg Marek Patrick Murphy	Jared Smith Lisa Anderson
MEMBERS ABSENT		
Pat Mendivil		

1. Call to Order.

The February 10, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of January 13, 2005 Regular Meeting.

It was moved by Vic Linoff, seconded by Vince Anderson, to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF the January 13, 2005 Minutes, as amended.**

**Vote: 5 in favor
0 opposed**

3. Discuss Post World War II neighborhood study.

Mr. Greg Marek reviewed the progress of the post World War II reconnaissance survey project, noting that a few revisions were made to the form and that HPC members met on Monday (February 7th) to evaluate two neighborhoods.

Mr. Marek stated that 3 of the chosen 24 developments have now been surveyed, noting that more meetings would need to be scheduled to complete the remaining 21 developments.

Mr. Marek and Committee members discussed arranging future meetings to continue the reconnaissance surveys.

Committee member Ron Peters stated that the group review process was a good idea and they had established a good starting point.

Committee member Vic Linoff suggested designating an individual as the official "recorder" for each neighborhood survey tour to fill out the reconnaissance form in order to capture all the details and HPC member comments.

Committee member Vince Anderson agreed about designating someone as a recorder to fill out the reconnaissance form.

Committee member Lane Burdick commented that he thought the reconnaissance form looked good, and thanked Mr. Marek for putting it together.

Chair David Dean agreed that the group review format is a good methodology for the reconnaissance surveys. Chair Dean stated that the predominant commonalities of the neighborhood need to be focused on more than the exceptions.

Chair Dean said that he wants to ensure that neighborhood representatives and residents are informed about upcoming reconnaissance tours so they aren't wondering why HPC members are going through the neighborhoods looking at homes.

Committee members agreed that it would be a good idea to come up with an informational flyer to hand out to neighborhood residents. The information could also be sent out as a press release, publicized on Mesa Channel 11 and also on the City's Web site.

Committee member Anderson requested that a list/map of neighborhood representatives be distributed to HPC members.

HPC members agreed that the next reconnaissance survey would be scheduled for February 23rd beginning at 2 p.m.

Historic Preservation Committee members emphasized that this is a high-priority project and they want assurance from staff that it will not be put on hold and that they will have staff assistance.

Mr. Patrick Murphy stated that he would speak with Ms. Shelly Allen to confirm staff's level of participation.

Committee member Linoff noted that once potential post World War II historic neighborhoods have been identified, it is important to communicate and make the public aware (e.g., with presentations, meetings, etc.) and continue to move forward.

HPC members suggested meeting with the Neighborhood Outreach division to discuss working together on the post WWII project and possibly promote conservation districts where warranted.

Committee members congratulated and thanked Mr. Greg Marek for his work on the post World War II reconnaissance survey project.

4. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: January, 2005 – Patrick Murphy

Mr. Patrick Murphy updated Committee members on several items, including:

1. Irving School: Four (4) submittals to the RFP have been received; review team will be reviewing and making a decision
2. Fraser Fields/West Side Clark Addition: RFPs went out and submittals are due April 11th.
3. Historic Preservation Awards: nomination packets went out via several means, including: mailed to past nominators, past award winners, Historic District neighborhood representatives, regular City distribution list which includes City Council, Downtown Development Committee and Historic Preservation Committee; display boards with nominations forms are available at the Southwest Museum, the main Library, Mesa Historical Museum, Mesa Town Center Corporation, Town Center Development/Historic Preservation Office, and the forms are also available on the City of Mesa Web site. An advertisement will be in the Tribune on February 12th, and in the Arizona Republic on the 16th. HPC members decided to continue using the same style of award and instructed staff to order four (4) of them.

Chair Dean suggested airing information about the Historic Preservation Awards program on Mesa Channel 11.

Mr. Murphy noted that staff would look into it.

Mr. Murphy presented several options for the acrylic Historic Preservation Award to be presented to award winners. HPC members decided to continue using the same style of award.

5. Report: Mesa Public Library, Mesa Room – Sandra Apsey.

Ms. Apsey informed the Committee that as a result of some of their past work, the Mesa Room has seen an increase in the use of their oral histories, which have been used for two newspaper articles (one in the Arizona Republic and the other in the Tribune). Ms. Apsey added that they've also had an increase in the use of their archival collections.

Ms. Apsey stated that the Mesa Room has been doing some research on Lehi.

Ms. Apsey told HPC members that while doing research to help with the National Register nomination for the Landmark Restaurant, it was discovered that the builder of the Landmark, Mr. Joseph Standage, was also the cement contractor for the Temple.

6. Report: Mesa Southwest Museum – Jerry Howard.

Mr. Jerry Howard informed Committee members that the "Pottery Detectives" exhibit is continuing at the Mesa Southwest Museum, and invited HPC members to visit it.

Mr. Howard noted that the "Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs, Nests and Young" exhibit would soon be coming down, to be replaced by: "Tusks: Ice Age Mammoths and Mastodons," scheduled to be on display from March 5th to July 17th at the Southwest Museum.

Mr. Howard briefed HPC members on the Riverview excavation project, noting that because of all the rain it has been very difficult to get work done.

Mr. Howard told Committee members that work on the Heritage Fund Grant for the "Verdugo structure known as the schoolhouse" project is continuing. Mr. Howard acknowledged Committee member Ron Peters' service as preservation architect for the project.

Mr. Howard updated the Committee about the milk barn at the Park of the Canals, noting that a fence has been put up to deter vandalism. Mr. Howard added that the Southwest Archaeology Team did a major clean-up, and also plan to repair the roof.

Mr. Howard stated that Mesa Grande has been shut down while work is being done on the Riverview project, but noted funding possibilities are in the works.

Mr. Howard noted that the Banner Mesa Hospital is still encouraging the Mesa Southwest Museum to put in the exhibit discussed at previous HPC meetings, even though the hospital will be closing in the future.

7. Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Lisa Anderson.

Ms. Lisa Anderson, director of the Mesa Historical Museum, informed Committee members that the Mesa Historical Museum had another successful year with the Historic Home Tour. Ms. Anderson stated that an estimated 520 people were in attendance, which is a slight increase over last year. Ms. Anderson noted that the Mesa Historical Museum is considering which historic district to tour next year, and welcomed any suggestions or input.

Ms. Anderson stated that the next major event is the Mesa Historical Museum's barbecue/fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 26th, and invited Committee members to attend.

Ms. Anderson announced that Mr. Jared Smith's book has been released, entitled, "Making Water Flow Uphill: the History of Agriculture in Mesa, Arizona." Ms. Anderson noted that on February 24th at 7 p.m. there would be a book signing with Mr. Smith, including guest speaker Mr. Bill Dunmeyer, a Biology professor from New Mexico, who will discuss agriculture of the Southwest.

Ms. Anderson commented that the quilt exhibit will be up until March 26th.

Ms. Anderson briefed HPC members on the Heritage Grant received from State Parks, which was over \$77,000, with about \$30,000 in matching funds from the Mesa Historical Museum.

Ms. Anderson informed the Committee that the Mesa Historical Museum would be participating with the Southwest Museum in the Territorial Day Festival on Saturday, February 12th.

8. Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items.

Chair Dean reminded Committee members to be thinking of potential applicants to serve on the Historic Preservation Committee since there will

be two more vacancies (after June this year) in addition to the existing vacancy.

Committee member Linoff informed the Committee about the Archaeology Expo on March 4th and 5th to be held at Camp Verde as part of Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month.

Committee member Linoff presented HPC members with the final embroidered Mesa Historic Preservation graphic element, showing them samples of how it looks on shirts and hats. Committee member Linoff thanked everyone who played a role in this accomplishment.

HPC members commented on how nice the embroidery detail of the design turned out.

Committee member Linoff informed HPC members that they could order shirts, hats, etc. by going through him or by contacting Marvin at Dusty Dungeon Embroidery, (602) 803-1739.

Committee member Ron Peters briefly discussed the Alston house and the possibility of listing it on the Local Historic Register. Committee members will discuss this topic more as an agenda item at a future meeting.

HPC members thanked Mr. Greg Marek for his years of service and wished him the best on his future endeavors as he retires from the City of Mesa.

9. Items from Citizens Present (no action to be taken).

No items from citizens present.

10. Adjournment

7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Allen, Historic Preservation Officer
Minutes prepared by Kathy Guthmiller