



Approved Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on Oct. 25, 2012. Motion made by Pam Young and seconded by Randy Mann).

Date: September 27, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 57 E. First Street, Lower Level Chambers

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Benge, Chair Wendy Mack – Allred Randy Mann Clara Ziervogel Pamela Young	Chad Cluff	John Wesley Elisa Spangler
Guests		
Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Jim Ruiz; Save Our Train		

1) Call meeting to order

The September 27, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2) Approval of the August 23, 2012 minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Mack-Allred and seconded by Board member Ziervogel to approve the August 23, 2012 minutes with no changes.

Motion carried 5-0

3) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena area

Vice Chair (VC) Mack-Allred provided a Second Avenue District – Status Report for September 2012 summarizing the signature status for this neighborhood.

Talks are continuing with members of the First United Methodist Church. No official word has been received on whether they will participate or not.

When questioned on whether the neighborhood must have 100% participation, Mr. Wesley reported that by the Zoning Ordinance in order to submit an application, there must be approval by at least 50% of owners and area. City Council may want 100% from the area before approval. City Council will also decide what the boundaries will be through approval of the zoning overlay. Mr. Wesley also mentioned that signatures must be from property owners, not just residents.

After signatures are gathered, Mr. Wesley would like to meet with representatives from the neighborhoods to discuss details and boundaries, and to ensure that all necessary information has been assembled. Neighborhoods will then submit their rezoning case to the City of Mesa Planning Department. The Historic Preservation Board will be the first to review and provide recommendations; then the Planning and Zoning Board will review and provide recommendations to Council. Each step will have to have notices of public hearings. VC Mack-Allred will set up meetings with neighborhood representatives and Mr. Wesley to ensure that all documents and processes are complete.

Mr. Wesley provided an update on the consultant request for quotes. Mr. Wesley received three to four responses ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. There may be state money but more information is needed on the cost before deciding on a grant.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo area

Mr. Wesley and VC Mack-Allred were contacted by representatives from the area. A request was made through the Planning office to make modifications to the historic designated church in the neighborhood, and to provide an update on the efforts to help move forward on the historic designation.

c. Downtown area

There were no new updates to report.

Mr. Wesley provided an update on Westside Clark. The neighborhood has a national designation and is considering a local zoning designation. Mr. Wesley will be meeting with the neighborhood on October 4, 2012 for further discussions.

4) Discuss and plan for neighborhood workshop scheduled for October 10, 2012 to inform citizens about creating historic districts.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The neighborhood meeting has been scheduled to be held in the Mesa City Plaza, conference room 170, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

5) Update on potential historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street.

This item was reviewed.

Chair Benge continues to work on scheduling a meeting with other regional cities.

6) Discuss and develop strategies for updating the downtown historic signage.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Board member Mann toured the historic signage in the downtown area. He created a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of each historic sign in the area. The board discussed options to clean and restore some of the signs that have been worn over time. Board member Young will research whether there is a record of historic signs in Mesa.

Mr. Ruiz commented that there are many historic signs in the Lehi area and suggested that the board tour this area.

7) Discuss and prepare for 2013 State Historic Preservation Conference.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Linoff provided a brief update on the status of the conference. Negotiations are on-going with the Marriot in downtown Mesa, and should be complete by early October. Mr. Linoff is hoping to have an update at the next meeting.

8) Receive updates and discuss:

These items were reviewed and discussed.

a. Proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations

Mr. Linoff will schedule a meeting with Jodi Sorrell, the new Transit Project Manager with the City of Mesa to discuss this item.

Board member Ziervogel requested a full update presentation on the light rail project. Mr. Wesley will contact Jodi Sorrell to request the presentation to the board.

b. Historic preservation program for Mesa Public Schools

Board member Mann provided a contest update. Students will be asked to pick a Mesa historic event within the past 10 to 100 years. The contest information will be posted on the Mesa Public Schools website.

c. Report on landmark status for City Building 59 E. First Street

Chair Bengé noted she has scheduled a meeting with Mayor Smith, and will discuss at the next meeting.

VC Mack-Allred also discussed that she has almost completed a reference notebook summarizing the process on how to apply for an historic neighborhood designation. She gathered information on the City, State and National levels, and will include definitions and required forms. VC Mack-Allred will forward the book to Mr. Wesley to review, and ensure all information is included and correct. The Board has requested copies of the book once completed.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Ruiz provided updates on the following:

- Save Our Train upcoming event: The mobile train display will be at the Red Mountain Branch Library until October 19th.
- City of Mesa's "Celebrate Mesa" event on Saturday, October 20th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Rails, Rods & Steel Wheels Car Show at Pioneer Park on November 10th

Members of the Save Our Train committee had a positive meeting with Mayor Smith, along with the increased support from the City of Mesa. If the bond is passed, there will be large renovations to Pioneer Park.

Mr. Linoff provided updates on the following:

- Diving Lady: Large donations have been received and the project is getting closer to completion.
- Buckhorn Baths: There will be tours to look for apparitions, which is a popular October event.
- Mesa Grande: The groundbreaking event was successful with approximately 100 people in attendance.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The Board agreed to include discussions on the following agenda items:

- Presentation on Light Rail
- Update on the October 10th Workshop
- Update on historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street
- Update on Historic Preservation Conference

11) Adjournment

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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