

City of Mesa

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Date: February 14, 2008 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

| MEMBERS PRESENT | STAFF PRESENT | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Steve McCance, Chair Jared Smith, Vice Chair Peter L'Orange Donna Benge Eric Goldman Jason Hughes | Anne Mullins John Wesley Dorothy Chimel Stephanie Nix | Robert Burgheimer |
| MEMBERS ABSENT | SUPPORT PRESENT | |
| Barbara Jarrett | | |

1. Call to Order

The February 14, 2008 Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Consider Minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting

Mr. Smith had two corrections to make:

- Item #4, end of paragraph one stated Mr. Peters has been in contact with Alice Sliger and is trying to get her to donate an extensive baseball memorabilia collection to the Arizona Museum of Natural History, but she has yet to agree. Should state the Mesa Historical Museum for possible donation.
- Item #5, second to last item stated a Mayoral event for February 10th, the event was actually held February 12th.

Motion – Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes with corrections.

Seconded – Mr. L'Orange.

Approved unanimously

3. Review, discuss, and provide staff direction regarding a house addition at 767 N Robson.

Mr. Robert Burgheimer, Architect presented the project to the board and staff members for the addition to the home.

Discussion followed on some of the board and staff concerns and questions. Board members decided they would like Ms. Mullins, Historic Preservation Planner, Mr. Burgheimer and Ron Peters, Architect to meet and discuss project and make any decisions on addition. Ms. Mullins stated she is going to present results to the board at the next meeting.

4. Discuss the historic preservation program and related priorities, goals, and projects with the new Historic Preservation Planner.

Mr. Wesley welcomed Ms. Mullins and then opened up the discussion with the board and Ms. Mullins.

Ms. Mullins updated the board on some of the items she has been working on since arriving at the City. She applied for two grants, and is working with Neighborhood Services on the RFQ for Alston House. She also discussed setting up an Application process for people who want to submit to make exterior changes to Historic properties.

Ms. Mullins asked the Board what they want for future agenda items and any topics they wanted to discuss in the future, she also asked what they liked to see at Board meetings.

Some ideas and suggestions that came up:

- Previous HPC Planner provided packets for Board members that included staff reports; staff suggestions, pictures, articles and other relevant materials to topic, and the Board would like to start getting the packets for meetings.
- Inviting applicants and other interested parties to Board meetings.
- Concerned with review process and whether or not Historic Properties are flagged within department systems if an applicant applies for a permit.
- Would like to have a retreat/tour of Historic properties and/or a presentation from Ron Peters and Victor Linoff on past and present Historic properties in Mesa.
- Hold meetings at a Historic Property instead of the Council Chambers all the time.
- Possibly have monthly meetings instead of Bi-monthly.
- Concerned with future of Buckhorn Baths and the Pioneer Park Locomotive.

5. Update: Arizona Museum of Natural History and Mesa Historical Museum
 - No update given on Arizona Museum of Natural History.
 - Mr. Smith reported on the Mesa Historical Museum
 - o Home tour for the West 2nd St Historic District was very successful.
 - o Mayoral debate on February 12th went very well and a large crowd participated.

- Wallace and Ladmo tribute event will be held April 12th 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 is holding a fundraiser at the museum on April 19th.

6. Items from Citizens Present-No Items

7. Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Smith referred to the items discussed in Item #4 and also thanked the Board for their patience through the transition phase of finding a new HPC Planner.

8. Historic Preservation Officer and staff report on:

- Pioneer Park Locomotive- The Parks and Recreation Department and concerned citizens are meeting February 20th to determine a fundraising effort to preserve the locomotive.
- Alston House-Drawings are complete and Ms. Mullins is hand-delivering drawings to SHPO, attention: Robert Frankeberger on February 15th.

9. Update: The next meeting date is scheduled for April 10th, 2008. Mr. McCance asked Ms. Mullins to let him and the Board know if she wants to schedule a meeting before April 10th.

Motion: Mr. McCance moved to adjourn the February 14, 2008, meeting of the HPC.

Seconded: Ms. Bengé

Approved unanimously

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.