



Historic Preservation Board

Date: March 7, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Woman's Club, 204 N. Macdonald

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Laura Schaffer-Metcalf, Ed.D., Chair Janice Gennevois, Vice-Chair Greg Marek Annalisa Alvrus, Ph.D. Brandon Benzing Louise Swann Milagros Zingoni		John Wesley Lauren Allsopp	Lori Osiecki Jeory O'Donnell Others

1. Call meeting to order

Chair Schaffer-Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Approval of the November 1, 2016 regular meeting minutes

Board member Alvrus noted a modification to agenda item 10 to correct the time for the students to be at Mesa Grande was from 12 – 4. Board member Marek pointed out that in item 9.b. Vic Linoff's name was misspelled.

First Motion made by Board member Marek to approve the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by Vice-chair Gennevois.

Motion carried 7-0

3. Miscellaneous Items from the Audience

Lori Osiecki, 123 W Second Street, brought up three items – the Woman's Club is struggling and needs help such as grants; it would be good to make more active use of the Sirrine House, such as a restaurant; and concern for the future of the parking lot at First and Macdonald, this property should be returned to residential use.

Jeory O'Donnell, 162 N. Macdonald stated she has noticed that the shrubbery in the medians is not being maintained and allows a place for inappropriate activity including a place for homeless individuals.

4. Introduction to the roles and functions of Mesa Historic Preservation Board and the Historic Preservation Office

Chair Shaffer-Metcalf provided an overview of the role of the Historic Preservation Board and the Historic Preservation Office.

5. Review of the Evergreen District

Staff members Wesley and Allsopp provided some background on the West Second and Robson Historic Districts.

6. Review, discuss and take questions regarding the benefits, requirements, and resources available for maintenance of historic districts
 - a. Certificate of Appropriateness
 - i. Window replacement – emergency repairs v. permanent changes
 - ii. Other typical items to be aware of – appropriate and inappropriate modifications
 - b. Recommended contractors

Staff members Wesley and Allsopp provided details on how historic districts function, processing of Certificates of Appropriateness, and resources available to help home owners with a rehab process.

Staff and the Board responded to questions about the process, when a Certificate of Appropriateness is required, and what standards are followed.

7. Review and discuss 2017 Historic Preservation Award process and timeline

The Board discussed the awards program and timeline and determined the deadline for submissions should be moved to the end of April.

First Motion made by Board member Zingoni to move the submittal deadline to the end of April and seconded by Board member Benzing.
Motion carried 7-0

8. Updates on ongoing items:

- a. Post World War II Neighborhoods

Staff member Allsopp provided the Board with an update on her activities regarding identification of which neighborhoods should be considered for designation. She stated she has been going through the list created by Don Ryden of possible historic districts and focusing on the ones that were endanger of being lost. In this process, she has come across some things such as the addition to a home at 125 W. 9th St, right behind the Evergreen District. The addition is limiting this area's ability to become an extension of the Evergreen District and, because it is a two-story addition, may impact the Evergreen District. She is going to explore the ability to have this area added to the Evergreen District.

- b. Endangered Properties

Staff member Allsopp discussed the former Safeway store at 827 W. Main as an example of an endangered building that should be protected.

Staff member Allsopp showed an example of a similar program in Oregon and described what she was thinking of in terms of maps, pictures, and text for Mesa. Board member Marek stated thought good progress was being made and encouraged Board members to provide Staff member Allsopp with properties. Discussion ensued about other ways to involve people in the process. Board member Gennevois asked the audience if they had any thoughts or suggestions. An audience member brought up the historic signs and concern for losing these. Discussion ensued about the efforts to get a historic sign ordinance and the challenges the Board has had in getting staff to focus on this project. Vic Linoff encouraged those with an interest in this topic to talk to their Councilmember.

- c. Historic sign ordinance

Because of the discussion that occurred under the Endangered Properties item, there was no further discussion of this topic.

- d. Downtown façade improvement, colonnade removal, and historic designation.

Staff member Wesley provided an update on the progress of selecting properties and architects.

e. Westside Clark local historic district designation progress

Staff member Allsopp stated the neighbors working on this have been occupied with other matters and have not made any progress.

f. Potential Historic Districts:

- i. Orchard Place-Maywood – there is renewed neighborhood interest in the creation of this district.
- ii. Sherwood Mesa – This area was built in five sections. One and two are old enough and in good shape for consideration, three may be also. Four and five are too new. Approximately 75% of the homes have new windows so that will have to be considered as part of the review. Staff member Allsopp will continue to look into the options and work with the neighbors. We may need a grant to cover the cost of preparing the survey forms.

g. Prepare for Second Friday Downtown event in March

Board members Shaffer-Metcalf and Alvrus stated that could be at the event this week.

h. Involvement of older students in historic preservation activity

No update.

9. Updates on Museums, Exhibits, Committees and Events related to Historic Preservation

None

10. Board Member comments, questions, and future agenda items

Possible items for the April agenda include the items brought up at the start of the meeting regarding the Sirrine House and the parking lot at First and Macdonald. Staff member Wesley will check to see if the SHPO can attend this meeting and will contact Jeff McVay for an update on the downtown project.

11. Adjournment

Chair Schaffer-Metcalf adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

First Motion made by Board member Zingoni seconded by Vice-chair Gennevois.
Motion carried 7-0

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