



Approved Minutes
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on May 22, 2014. Motion made by Michelle Dahlke and seconded by Bernard Dawson).

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 57 E. First Street, Lower Level Council Chambers

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Clara Ziervogel, Chair Wendy Mack-Allred, Vice Chair Michelle Dahlke James Taylor	Bernard Dawson Dane Astle	John Wesley Julie Smiley Rebecca Gorton	Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Donna Benge, Resident

1) Call meeting to order

Chair Ziervogel called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Approval of the March 27, 2014 minutes

First Motion made by Vice Chair Mack-Allred and seconded by Board member Taylor.
 Motion carried 4-0.

3) Discuss status of efforts to establish historic district(s) or landmark(s) for:

a. 2nd Avenue and Pasadena/1st Methodist Church

Vice Chair Mack-Allred stated that they are ready to move forward. They are waiting for the case number by Kim Steadman and John Wesley. As soon as they receive the case number and the sequence of meetings, they will move forward. All documentation has been submitted. The status on the 2nd Avenue project is that they are still waiting to get the funds together before they can move forward. Vice Chair Mack-Allred stated that she has the grant proposal packet, waiting for 2013 financials, and then it can be submitted.

b. Washington Park-Escobedo

There is no update.

c. Downtown

There is no update.

d. Westside/Clark

Vice Chair Mack-Allred spoke to John Logan who resides at 432 W. 1st St. Mr. Logan contacted Vice Chair Mack-Allred and stated that he was receiving resistance from the City of Mesa on his project and has asked her to set up a time for her and John Wesley to come by his home. He had not put in an application for a review or permit.

e. Sherwood

There is no update.

f. Buckhorn Baths

Mr. Vic Linoff stated that this is an ongoing saga. There has been communication with the attorney representing the owners and he indicated that things are still moving along. There should be a resolution very soon.

g. Federal Building

Chair Ziervogel has prepared a letter to be submitted to the Mayor and each member of the Council. Chair Ziervogel has stated that these are original letters from the Historic Preservation

Board as a result of the discussion last month when Mr. Ron Peters was here. It was decided that a letter would be written in support of the Federal Building and the progress to the Mayor and Council. Chair Ziervogel read the letter and the Board members each signed the individual letters. Chair Ziervogel asked that the signatures from the absent members be gotten and the originals letters would be given back to her to scan and mail to the Mayor and Council.

- 4) **Update on the historic highway signage for former US Highways 60, 70, 80, and 89 on Main Street**
Donna Benge, guest, stated that she thought we would be updated on the application. Chair Ziervogel stated it is still on hold.

- 5) **Update on the proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations**

Mr. Vic Linoff gave a presentation of the Interpretive Historic Panels that will be at the Light Rail Stations. He was unable to show the proposed photographs, however, he can forward them to the City staff to review. He has received an email from Metro that they are working on the design now. Before the city can approve, the Historic Preservation Board will have to look at it. Also, the Mayor and City Council will want to know what we have done. We are on schedule and Country Club has been submitted which leaves Alma School, Center Street and Mesa Drive. The committee will meet the following day to select the photographs for both stations. By the end of May we should have submitted to Valley Metro the last ones. Mr. Linoff feels that the photos submitted should be accepted by Valley Metro.

- 6) **Review and discuss ideas and topics for the 2014/2015 student writing contest**

Chair Ziervogel had a goal that this would be to the newspaper before school was out so that there would be better coverage. She asked Board member Dahkle if she had been able to contact some of the home school groups. Board member Dahkle stated that there was a large group of administrators in town for state testing so she was able to contact a lot of people.

There was discussion if the Board would like to narrow down the focus with a time period or having it as an open topic. Member Dahkle suggested the Mesa Grande Era which would be a good topic. It may appeal to both boys and girls as a prehistoric time period. Chair Ziervogel stated that the last two years they have had emphasis on the topic of Falcon Field which drew the most interest. Vice Chair Mack-Allred stated that she felt it should be open to the imagination of the child to come up with a topic. She would like to give them a time period and let them chose their topic. Board member Taylor stated it would be too broad of a time period. There was discussion on what the parameters should be for the contest. Board member Taylor suggested that we chose something so that field trips could be incorporated with the research. Chair Ziervogel suggested that we start with the Hohokam civilization period, the beginning Lehi and early settlers, giving them a span of years to choose from.

Vice Chair Mack-Allred suggested that the topic be the early days of Mesa and go through their neighborhood looking for historic buildings. John Wesley stated that this topic would connect them closer to their own neighborhoods' which is something that the General Plan focuses on. A discussion on what age that it will be open for. It was decided to go from kindergarten through 8th grade.

It was decided that Board member Dahlke would send a list of the suggested topics to the Planning office and staff will poll the members by email. Once staff has received the responses from the Board members, the response will be forwarded back to Board member Dahlke.

- 7) **Review and approve 2014 Historic Preservation nominations**

All of the nominations were in and decided upon to approve the nominations for the following:

Donna Benge, Individual Lifetime Achievement
Walter "Dutch" Duering, Archaeology, Education & Outreach
Petar & Shelly Nikolich, Rehabilitation and Restoration

A motion was made by Board member Taylor to accept all of the awards as written and seconded by Board member Dahlke.
Motion carried 4-0.

8) Review final comments, and make recommendation on the General Plan Update

Planning Director John Wesley discussed the status of the Mesa 2040 General Plan. There have been a few Public Hearings and on May 21 we hope to have the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation so that the General Plan can go to Council for approval to be on the ballot in November. Board member Dahlke commended the work that has been done so far on the General Plan and stated that she appreciates all that has gone into the Plan.

First motion made by Board member Dahlke to recommend approval of the proposed Mesa 2040 General Plan document in its current form and seconded by Vice Chair Mack-Allred.
Motion carried 4-0.

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

Donna Bengé informed the board that Thomas Jones, Chair of the Phoenix Historic Preservation will be speaking at the Museum of Natural History on Thursday, May 8. He is a Historic Archaeologist, speaking about the significance of historical archival and documentation.

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

Vice Chair Mack-Allred stated that she will be at Celebrate Mesa on Saturday at Pioneer Park. They will be painting train ornaments.

11) Adjournment

Chair Ziervogel adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

First motion made by Board member Dahlke, and seconded by Board member Taylor.
Motion carried 4-0.

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