



Approved Minutes of the
Historic Preservation Board

(Approved on June 28, 2012. Motion made by Wendy Mack-Allred and seconded by Barbara Jarrett).

Date: March 22, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 20 E. Main, Room 170

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Donna Bengé, Chair Jared Smith, Vice Chair Barbara Jarrett Wendy Mack-Allred	Randy Mann Jeff Jarvis Chad Cluff	John Wesley Julie Smiley
Guests		
Mark Schofield, Elizabeth Danielson, Kay Henry; I-Mesa Committee Natalie Lewis; COM Employee Vic Linoff; Mesa Preservation Foundation Ray Harrison, Resident Maria Mancinas; Resident Oscar Mancinas; Resident	Sara Moorehead; Resident Mary Martinez; Resident Loraine Fuller; Resident James Daniels; Resident Chris Bradley; Resident Janet Gennevois; Resident	

1) Call meeting to order.

The March 22, 2012 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB) was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Chair Bengé provide handouts on the upcoming HP Conference in June.

2) Approval of the February 23, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Board member Jarrett to approve the February 23, 2012 minutes with no changes.

Motion carried, 4-0

3) Review and Discuss Buckhorn Baths with I-Mesa Committee.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Mark Schofield; I-Mesa Chair gave a brief introduction and purpose of the I-Mesa Committee.

Ms. Elizabeth Danielson; I-Mesa member gave a PowerPoint presentation noting three of seven targeted areas they are working on which consist of a vibrant downtown, transportation networks and recreational access. These targets also included ways for saving the Buckhorn Baths by working with and for the HPB through facilitating and advocating communications between the residents and the City Council. The I-Mesa Committee has requested that one member from HPB to join the standing I-Mesa committee to help continue the forward progress of the committee.

Resident Mr. Chris Bradley asked if the baths were still functional and if the water is useable. Mr. Vic Linoff responded stating the baths would need to be restored to bring it back to full functionality. The water is still useable; however water pipe replacements may be necessary. Ms. Kay Henry, I-Mesa member, noted there are Council deadlines if funding is being requested and the Board should be aware of those deadlines.

4) Discuss Historic Preservation Board Retreat.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé distributed a proposed agenda noting the retreat will take place on April 14, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning at the AZ Museum of Natural History conference room and concluding at the Landmark Restaurant. Chair Bengé included more items on the retreat agenda; I-Mesa, Historic Preservation Awards, Historic Highway Signage, and the Historic Preservation school activities. Staff will email the Board members confirming the date and time.

5) Discuss and select a representative for the General Plan update.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Wesley will contact Board member Cluff as he expressed interest in being the representative. Board member Mack-Allred offered to be a back-up only if no other board members volunteered.

6) Review and provide input on proposed Interpretive Historic Panels – Light Rail Stations.

This item was reviewed with no discussion.

Vice Chair Smith noted no updates at this time, and will update the Board as information comes available.

7) Discuss establishment of a historic district(s) for downtown Mesa

a. 2nd Avenue

Mr. Wesley gave an overview of the meeting and neighborhood tours with the AZ State Historic District. Some of the neighborhoods toured included 2nd Avenue and Pasadena, and the Sherwood areas. The State liked the 2nd Avenue area which has more of designation potential compared to the other neighborhood toured. Mr. Wesley noted grant funding may be available with a required City match; however the FY12/13 deadline has passed, and will need to pursue in the next budget cycle.

Board member Mack-Allred gave an update stating the neighborhood representatives have completed and will be submitting the petition letter to Mr. Wesley for review and approval. They are excited and ready to begin petitioning for signatures to designate as a historic district. The 2nd Avenue representatives have named the district as the 2nd Avenue South Historic District.

Resident Ms. Sara Moorehead asked if the City already has a designation of districts particularly in the 1st Avenue area. Mr. Wesley responded noting only prior surveys have been completed which may have outlined a district area; however no local or national designations have been processed on the City side.

8) Historic Preservation Awards.

- a. Review additional submittal
- b. Approve wording for the awards

This item was reviewed and discussed.

The Board reviewed the additional submitted nomination for the Mesa Preservation Foundation, and unanimously agreed to include with the other nominations. Chair Bengé requested staff to email the language for the awards for final approval.

Motion: A motion was made by Chair Bengé and seconded by Board member Jarrett to include the nomination for an HP award.

Motion carried, 4-0

9) Update from the Historic Highway Signage Sub-committee.

There was no discussion for this item. Chair Bengé requested to add as a retreat agenda item.

10) Discuss ideas for involving schools in Historic Preservation activities.

There was no discussion for this item. Chair Bengé requested to add as a retreat agenda item.

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

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Chair Bengé gave a brief update stating Dr. Jerry Howard with the AZ Natural History Museum is working on the archeological review for Riverview. Also noted the MCC excavation class is working at the Mesa Grande to help install footings for the Welcome Center.

Mr. Linoff gave some updates. First, the Mesa Historical Museum is making a presence in the downtown area with building 51/53 E. Main that fronts the Arts Center. Second, the Play Ball exhibit is now open, and the museum is planning to expand to display more future exhibits. Third, the Foundation continues to advocate for funding for the Diving Lady and motel.

Vice Chair Smith gave updates on the Save the Train Committee. He noted banners will be displayed at the front of Pioneer Park to help gain awareness and encouraged people to check out. Second, distributed a flyer for the upcoming fundraiser on March 29, 2012 at the California Pizza Kitchen which 20% of the proceeds will go to Save the Train. Third, an open house at Falcon Field will take place on March 31, 2012 where parts of the locomotive and other model trains will be on display, and encouraged the public to attend these functions. Lastly, noted through the I-Mesa website campaign the train has gained 72 votes, and encourages people to check out the website and vote.

12) Committee Member Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.

This item was reviewed and discussed.

Several residents of the Washington Park-Escobedo area were in attendance to seek help from the HPB on how to get a historic designation for their neighborhood. Speakers Mr. Oscar Mancinas, Ms. Maria Mancinas, Mr. James Daniels, and Mr. Ray Harrison gave an overview of why their neighborhood should be considered as well as provided letters submitted to the City. The residents wish to be part of the historic vision and development, and would like help from the HPB and the City to make this happen. Mr. Wesley will work with resident Ms. Maria Mancinas to help coordinate a meeting with the HPB. Chair Bengé requested to add this topic to next month's agenda.

Resident Janet Gennevois brought up concerns of her neighborhood along Wilbur Street losing historic value. She noted there are several deteriorating utility poles where wires are posing potential safety hazards, as well as increased car and foot traffic. Ms. Gennevois noted she has contacted several different departments within the City, all with no response. She would like to have the utility wires buried and a cul-de-sac developed at the end of Wilbur Street to reduce the traffic in order to preserve the historic homes and neighborhood. Mr. Wesley will work with Ms. Gennevois in determining appropriate departments to help with safety concerns. Chair Bengé requested to add this topic to next month's agenda.

13) Adjournment.

Chair Bengé adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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