

**CITY OF MESA**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** January 12, 2006      **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Chair Vince Anderson Vice Chair Ron Peters Lane Burdick David Dean Nathan Ricks	Lisha Adela García Aimée Letwen Amy Morales Ernestine Tesarek	
MEMBERS ABSENT		
Steve McCance Lillian Wilkinson		

**1. Call to Order.**

The January 12, 2006, Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

**2. Consider Minutes of November 17, 2005 Regular Meeting.**

Mr. Dean moved to approve the November 17, 2005 Minutes, Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5 in favor**  
**0 opposed**

**3. Discuss Historic Preservation Planner position status**

Ms. Gracia reported that Stephanie Brüning accepted the Historic Preservation Planner position, and will begin on March 6, 2006.

**4. Discuss and Consider the upcoming 2006 Historic Preservation Awards Program, Nomination Packets, and Selection Matrix – Amy Morales**

Ms. Morales asked the HPC for any comments on the Historic Preservation Award Program, Nomination Packet, and Selection Matrix. She reported that three awards have been budgeted, at a cost of approximately \$140 - \$160 per award. She also reported that display boards for the nominations will be set up

at the Mesa Historic Preservation Office, Mesa Public Library, Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa Historical Museum, Mesa Arts Center, Downtown Mesa Association, and the Mesa City Plaza lobby area. Then nominations are due to the Historic Preservation Office by March 3, 2006.

Ms. Morales stated that the nominations received by the due date will be distributed to the HPC for their review, at the HPC March meeting. The HPC award selections will be due at the HPC April meeting, and the awards will be presented at a City Council meeting in May.

HPC discussed potential draft proclamation to designate May as Historic Preservation Month in Mesa, as part of a Partnership with the National Trust.

The HPC directed staff to make a correction to the theme on the first paragraph of the Nomination Process page, and to use the standardized, traditional etching on the awards with the HPC logo.

**5. Discuss and Consider “Senate Tightens Façade Donations”**

Ms. García provided the Community Development Digest article “Senate Tightens Façade Donations” for informational purposes. The HPC took no action on this agenda item.

**6. Discuss the Post World War II Neighborhood Study**

No discussion held.

**7. Historic Preservation Office Project Status Report: January 2006; Committee to discuss the following items:**

- a) **Status of Irving School** – Ms. García reported that CDBG grant funding for ADA compliance has not been utilized. Mr. Peters recommended that Ms. García speak with Dennis Gearheart from Mesa Public Schools Facilities regarding the status of the grant.
- b) **Status of Fraser Fields National Register Nomination Preparation** – Ms. Tesarek reported that the architects will complete the draft report for nomination by 1/23. A copy of the draft report will be included in the HPC February meeting packets.
- c) **Status of Westside Clark Street National Register Nomination Preparation** – Ms. Tesarek reported that the architects will complete the draft report for nomination by 1/23. A copy of the draft report will be included in the HPC February meeting packets.
- d) **Status on Alston House** – Chair Anderson reported that the City Council approved CDBG funding for Alston House. Ms. García reported that Ms.

Tesarek has written two grants (Heritage Fund grant and Home and Garden Television grant) for Alston House.

- e) **Discuss Escobedo Housing Project/Washington Park** – Ms. García reported that Ruth Anne Norris, Housing Services Director, gave a presentation to the General Development Committee on the Escobedo Housing project. Ms. García offered to invite Ms. Norris to the HPC February meeting to provide the same presentation to the HPC.

Mr. Dean inquired if a Determination of Eligibility had been approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Staff will follow up.

Mr. Dean also offered to provide comments on a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for historic significance survey and a building condition assessment.

- f) **Discuss Adobes in Nuestro** – No report.
- g) **Update on Grant Opportunities** – No report.
- h) **Update on the Biggs House** – Discussion was held regarding the documentation of Biggs House. Mr. Dean recommended that staff contact ASU School of Architecture to inquire if preparing a measured set of drawings could be completed as a student project.
- i) **Update on “Alma Ward” (Landmark Restaurant)** – Ms. Morales reported that the application had been sent to the Keeper and was returned for formatting and photographs. It will be sent back through SHPO to the Keeper. Anticipated answer from the Keeper in 60 – 70 days.

8. **Report: Mesa Southwest Museum – Jerry Howard**

No report.

9. **Report: Mesa Historical Museum – Lisa Anderson**

No report.

10. **Committee Member Comments and Questions and Future Agenda Items**

HPC members discussed the following items to be included in next month’s agenda:

- a. Fees for Section 106 Reviews
- b. Escobedo Housing Presentation – Ruth Anne Norris

11. **Items from Citizens Present (no action can be taken)**

No items from citizens present.

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**12. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelly Allen, Historic Preservation Officer

*Minutes prepared by Aimée Letwen*

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