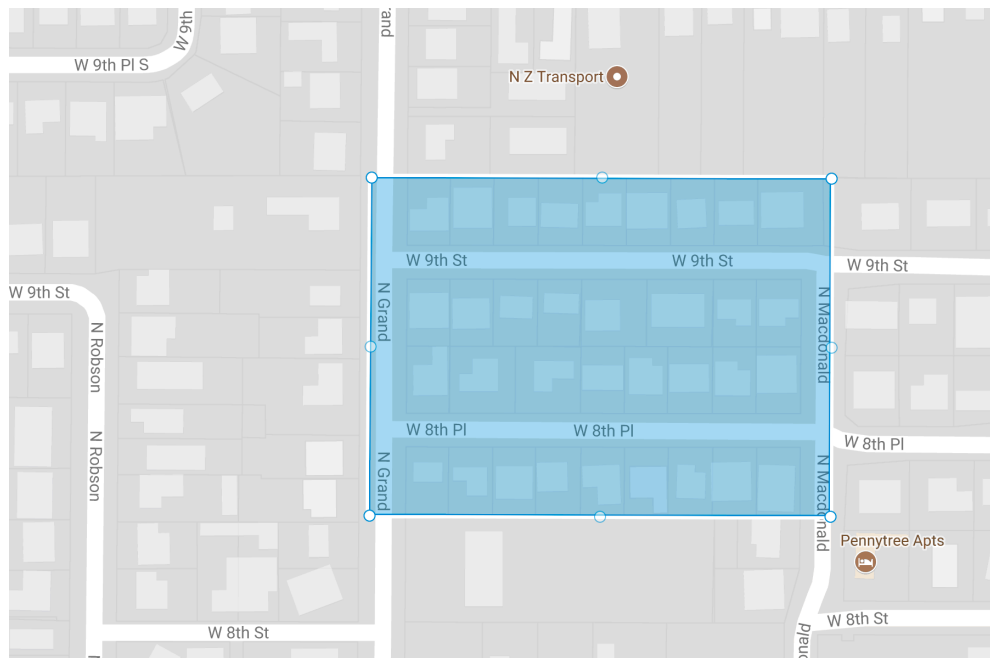


# Citizen Participation Report Flying Acres Historic District Historic Preservation Overlay

March 21, 2018

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Citizen Participation Plan is to inform citizens, property owners, neighbor associations, agencies, schools and businesses in the vicinity of the Flying Acres historic district of an application for a Historic Preservation Overlay. The district is bounded by N. Grand Street on the West, N. Macdonald Street on the East, and encompasses both sides of W. 8<sup>th</sup> Place and W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. This plan will ensure that those affected by this application will have an adequate opportunity to learn about and comment on the proposed overlay.



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**Action Plan:**

Public participation is a key part of the Historic Preservation Overlay process. For the Flying Acres Historic District, outreach with the public was conducted on several levels.

When the nomination process started in March 2017, key residents, including Amy Mahoney, Michael Shores and West Second Historic District resident, Lori Osiecki, were instrumental in going door-to-door with the City's historic preservation professional, Lauren Allsopp, as needed, to get petition signatures and explain to residents the upcoming process. Resident Berenice Curro provided additional help with neighbors around her.

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6pm, a public hearing was held at the Woman's Club of Mesa at 200 N. Macdonald, Mesa, Arizona. Residents and owners within the district and within 500 feet of the district were notified ahead of time with the attached letter signed by Historic Preservation staff at the City of Mesa. Neither Ms. Mahoney or Ms. Curro received telephone calls, but Dr. Allsopp received one. The focus was specifics regarding the meeting and did not include opinions.

At least fourteen people, beside city representatives, Lauren Allsopp, Kim Steadman and Renee Stehlin, attended the meeting. The sign-up sheet is attached. Dr. Allsopp informed the attendees of what had been happening over the last months, and explained the process moving forward. Dr. Allsopp and Mr. Steadman provided additional information, such as what a Certificate of Appropriateness was, and how the city could help an owner retain the character and integrity of their houses while becoming energy efficient or if original materials were no longer available. Contact information was handed out.

One resident was angry that this historic district could make him keep the character and integrity of his house. He wants to do whatever he wants with it. He stated that a friend back east lived in a historic district and was told he had to keep his windows. Other residents, however, were audibly thrilled with the forward motion of making their neighborhood a historic district and looked forward to using the City's historic preservation expertise as needed.

The audience was told that the next step was review before the Historic Preservation Board at 6pm on April 3rd at the lower level of Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street, and signs with key information would be posted at key entrances to the district shortly. No dates were provided yet for the Planning and Zoning Commission (potentially late April) or City Council meetings (potentially May).

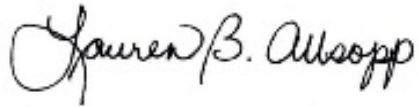
There were no questions regarding the overlay itself and there was only one mention of not supporting the overlay. The meeting lasted 50 minutes, and many people as they left indicated how pleased they were that the historic district was finally moving forward with local designation—and National to follow.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Allsopp received a telephone call from a Flying Acres resident, William Grambley, who is 102 years old. Since it is difficult for him to attend meetings, he asked that his message be relayed to the Board, Commission and Council. He "fully supports—with no conditions" the Historic District moving forward and "truly believes it will help the area." He asks that it be approved.

**Schedule:**

- Initial meetings and door to door visits: March 2017 – February 2018
- Application submittal: Nov. 11, 2017 (Case: ZON17-00461)
- Public meeting: March 7, 2018
- Historic Preservation Board: April 3, 2018
- Planning and Zoning Commission: April 18, 2018
- City Council meeting: TBD (May-June)

Respectfully submitted,

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Lauren B. Allsopp  
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City of Mesa



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February 14, 2018

Dear Home Owner,

Several neighbors of yours approached the City of Mesa in 2017 requesting procedural information on how to create a Historic District for the Flying Acres subdivision. As many of you know, over the last few months the Historic Preservation Office and these residents have worked hard to complete the paperwork required to create the historic district. We are now ready to begin the formal process. It starts with a Citizen Participation meeting.

This meeting will be held at the **Woman's Club of Mesa at 200 N. Macdonald (northwest corner of Macdonald and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) on March 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm.** This is an opportunity for property owners to come and learn more about what it means to be a designated historic district and for the Historic Preservation Office to answer any questions and explain the process for designation.

***What are the benefits to local historic designation?***

Although different people value different benefits, when historically significant properties are recognized by the community, everyone benefits. A historic designation reinforces a neighborhood's sense of place; it calls the attention of the community to the special character of the area; it increases pride of ownership which may lead to increased care and attention to property maintenance.

As an individual, you may benefit in other ways such as an increased market demand for historic property that exceeds the available supply. East Valley historic district properties generally command higher selling prices than comparable properties not in a historic district. East Valley realtors have indicated between a 5% and 15% increase in sales for property located in a designated historic district.

The community benefits from maintaining links to past places, events, and people who have been significant in building the community. The community benefits financially through revitalization of neighborhoods, business districts and increasing tourism.

***Do the benefits of historic designation apply to rental property?***

Yes, they do. The benefits of historic designation affect the neighborhood as a whole.

***Can I remodel my home if my property is in a designated Historic District?***

Yes, you can. However, changes to the exterior historic character of a property need to be reviewed and approved by the Historic Preservation Office in Mesa prior to any work being done. Historic designation does not prevent the owner from remodeling, repairing or altering the interior or from selling the property.

Part of developing a historic district is to create guidelines which can be used to review requests to remodel property to help preserve the character of the neighborhood.

If you have questions about this process, please contact Lauren Allsopp, our Historic Preservation Professional, at (480) 276-7714 or [wienallsopp@gmail.com](mailto:wienallsopp@gmail.com), or Kim Steadman, our Historic Preservation Officer, at (480) 644-2762 or [Kim.Steadman@MesaAZ.gov](mailto:Kim.Steadman@MesaAZ.gov).

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you on March 7th.

Sincerely,

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Lauren B. Allsopp  
Historic Preservation Professional

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Kim Steadman  
Historic Preservation Officer

March 7, 2018

Flying Acres Citizens Participation Meeting  
Attendees

DIANE Young

Wayne Young

Michael Cowan

Dr. David W. Aguado

MARGARET DALLS

Amy Mahoney

William Casap

William Short

MICHAEL SHORES

Luke Czok

Billy Jones

Patricia Cmo Sanchez

Nube Casader

Virginia Casader