

Historic Preservation Board



Minutes

Location: Lower Level Council Chambers – 57 E First Street

Date: January 3, 2019 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Marek, Chair
Brandon Benzing, Vice-Chair
Laura Schaffer-Metcalf Ed.D.
Janice Gennevois
Jeri Meeks
Benjamin Ayers

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Milgros Zingoni

STAFF PRESENT:

Nana Appiah
Kim Steadman
Charlotte McDermott
Rebecca Gorton
Deyannie Gilmore

GUESTS:

Vic Linoff

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2018 Board meeting.

First motion made by Board member Meeks to approve the December 4, 2018 minutes and seconded by Vice Chair Benzing.

Vote: 4-0 (Board member Zingoni, absent; Boardmembers Schaffer-Metcalf and Gennevois, arrived after vote)

AYES – Marek, Benzing, Meeks, and Ayers

NAYS - None

3. Items from citizens present.*

None

4. Introduction and welcome of new Planning Director, Nana Appiah.

Nana Appiah, Planning and Zoning Director, gave a brief review of his background and experience.

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5. Receive an update of the Historic Preservation Officer position.

Nana Appiah stated in the interim, he will have the responsibility of the Historic Preservation Officer until the position has been filled.

6. Hear and discuss a presentation regarding the City of Mesa's archeological program including the importance of preserving archeological sites, the public benefits of these sites, and the preservation of Mesa Grande.

Emily Early, Museum Curator from the Arizona Museum of Natural History, made a presentation on the importance of the City of Mesa's archeological programs to the Board. Ms. Early spoke about the importance of properly documenting areas where development is occurring around the City.

7. Discuss the essays received and select the winners of the 2018-2019 Historic Preservation Student Writing Contest.

It was determined there would be four winners for the 2018-2019 writing contest with one 1st Place winner and three essays are tied. Those four essays are:

- 1st Place: The History of Downtown Mesa
- 2nd Place: Mesa's Bright Signs
- 3rd Place: The Amazing History of Pioneer Park
- 4th Place: If You Could Only Hear Me

Staff will contact the City Council office to determine the Council date to present the awards to the winners and inform the Board of this date. A letter will be sent to the student to invite them to accept their award at this meeting.

8. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.

(The items in the HPO's Updates are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken on the updated items.)

Kim Steadman, Historic Preservation Officer announced his retirement.

9. Hear reports from Board Members and staff on museums, exhibits, committees and/or events related to historic preservation.

Boardmember Meeks stated the Phoenix Art Museum has a new Teotihuacan exhibit. Ms. Meeks also stated the Mesa Historic Museum is planning on opening the Lehi facility the first week in February and the Home tour is in March.

Vice Chair Benzing stated the Arizona Institute of Architects has an Archives Committee that is having a fundraiser on February 21 in Tempe.

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10. Future agenda items.

- a. Update to the Washington Park zoning changes
- b. Receive an update of the Historic Preservation Officer position.

11. Adjournment.

First motion made by Vice Chair Benzing to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm and seconded by Board member Meeks.

Vote: 6-0 (Board member Zingoni, absent)

AYES – Marek, Benzing, Schaffer-Metcalf, Gennevois, Meeks, and Ayers

NAYS - None

*Members of the audience may address the Board on any item. The Arizona Open Meeting Law (ARS § 38-431 et seq.) limits the Historic Preservation Board to discussing only those matters specifically listed on the agenda.

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