

Minutes

Mesa City Council Chambers – Lower level, 57 E 1st Street
Date: November 4, 2025 Time: 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Babos, Chair
Jocelyn Skogebo, Vice Chair
Bruce Nelson
Jessica Sarkissian

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

BJ Parsons
Lamont Slater
Jason Ludwif

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew Kriegl
Charlotte McDermott
Meg Eaton
Kellie Rorex
Dawn Dallman

CITIZEN SPEAKERS:

Vic Linoff

(*Board members and staff participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic and audio conference equipment.)

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chair Babos declared a quorum present. The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 02, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, that the minutes from September 2, 2025 Historic Preservation meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson- Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Parsons-Slater-Ludwig

ABSENT – None

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3. Introduction of New City Archaeologist – Meghan Eaton.

Summary:

Megan Eaton, City Archaeologist, shared her background, including her experience in cultural resource management and community engagement. She holds a master's in Museum Studies and expressed her excitement about joining the Historic Preservation Office.

4. Discussion Items:

4-a. Quarterly report of projects evaluated between July 2025 - September 2025 for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) and Section 106 reviews (as identified under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966). See attachment 1.

Matthew Kriegl, Historic Preservation Officer, explained there were 6 Section 106 Reviews in the 3rd quarter, bringing the total to 17 for the year. Also, there were 4 Certificates of Appropriateness issued in the 3rd quarter, with two more in process, for a total of 18 reviewed in 2025.

4-b. The January 2026 Mesa Historic Preservation Board retreat and potential topics.

Mr. Kriegl discussed the Historic Preservation Board Retreat planned for January 10, 2026, at the Alston House. He noted the regular Historic Preservation meeting is scheduled for January 6, and the retreat could be postponed to January 24. The Board decided to keep the retreat on January 10. Mr. Kriegl then requested retreat topics from the Board.

Boardmember Nelson suggested recognizing notable individuals in the city and suggested discussing the opening of the Historical Museum's upcoming baseball exhibit at the retreat. He also offered to do a mini tour of the Washington-Escobedo community at the retreat.

Chair Babos proposed discussing the possibility of hanging banners of notable folks from Mesa during May, Historic Preservation Month, and the supplemental list at the upcoming retreat. The Chair also requested to discuss the potential plans the city has for the old Council Chambers building.

4-c. Historic Preservation Board Purchasing a commemorative brick or nameplate as a donation for the Mesa Historical Museum's capital campaign Step Up to the Plate.

Mr. Kriegl explained that the Board may purchase a commemorative brick with personal funds to make a donation on behalf of the Board.

Charlotte McDermott, Assistant City Attorney, explained the process under the bylaws to the Board.

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Chair Babos motioned to designate Vice Chair Skogebo to organize and collect funds for the brick. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Nelson.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson- Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Parsons-Slater-Ludwig

ABSENT – None

4-d. Updates regarding the rehabilitation efforts of the City-owned Alston House located at 453 N Pima, Mesa, AZ.

Mr. Kriegl provided updates on the rehab efforts of the city-owned Alston House. Projects include addressing ADA compliance issues, improving entrance accessibility, and ensuring accessible parking. The city owns the house, and any exterior alterations will need a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Boardmember Nelson mentioned the historical artifacts stored in the house and the need for better air conditioning.

5. Hear reports from Board Members of current events and educational topics related to historic preservation.*

There were no updates on this item from Board members.

6. Items from citizens present.**

- Vic Linoff from the Mesa Preservation Foundation, 628 N Center St updated the Board on the Arizona Heritage Center's water damage and the potential transfer of neon signs to the Preservation Foundation. He stated the Foundation is discussing the consolidation of archives and the need for more space and accessibility and wants to work with the City to accomplish this. Mr. Linoff suggested recognizing important people in Mesa as part of the Arizona 250 and America 250 celebrations.

7. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.*

Mr. Kriegl shared the following items with the Board:

- Mr. Kriegl discussed the Historic Preservation Art and Essay contest, with topics related to Mesa's history and the America 250 celebration. A new group component has been added to design a mural or sign for downtown that embodies the spirit of the past while capturing Mesa's bright future. The event will be held at The Post on May 2, with participation from various city departments and stakeholders. Mr. Kriegl encouraged the Board to stay informed on the events the City of Mesa is rolling out in conjunction with the America 250 celebration and provided the website address.

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- Mr. Kriegl mentioned the importance of the board members attending the next few meetings to discuss text amendments and design guidelines. The board will receive updates on the revised Historic Preservation design guidelines and code revisions during a study session in December.

8. Adjournment.

It was motioned by Boardmember Sarkissian, seconded by Chair Babos, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson- Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Parsons-Slater-Ludwig

ABSENT – None

Respectfully submitted,

James Babos
Historic Preservation Board Chair

* These items are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken on the items.

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A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Please contact the Planning Department with questions, 480-644-2385.

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Section 106 Projects

Quarter 3 (July-September 2025)

Section 106 Projects – Q2 2025 (Jul-Sep)						
No.	Project Name	Type	Findings	Project Location	Date Received	Approval Date
1	Trileaf Project #764918 (Verizon)	Comment	SHPO may require an investigation	102 E 1st St	6/27/2025	7/10/2025
2	Hennessey Drain Project (BOR)	Comment	No Adverse Effect	S Canal Service Rd @ E Scarlet St	7/29/2025	8/11/2025
3	ADM25-00654	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	945 N Pasadena #144	8/14/2025	8/27/2025
4	ADM25-00670	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	8937 E Portobello Ave	9/2/2025	9/15/2025
5	ADM25-00671	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	105 Ivyglen St	9/2/2025	9/15/2025
6	AT&T Tower (AZL01681/AZ Athletics Field)	Comment	No comment at this time	6321 S Ellsworth Rd	9/3/2025	9/15/2025

- 6 Section 106 Projects Processed (Q3)
- 17 Section 106 Projects processed in 2025

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Certificate of Appropriateness Projects

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Certificate of Appropriateness Projects – Q2 2025 (Jul-Sep)							
No.	Project Name	Type	Property Address	Location (HD/LM)	Project Type	Subtype	Approval Date
1	ADM25-00571	Administrative	515 W Pepper Pl	West Side-Clark Addition HD	Alteration	Windows	9/15/2025
2	ADM25-00717	Administrative	160 N Center St	West 2nd St HD	New Construction	Outbuildings	10/2/2025
3	ADM25-00716	Administrative	625 N Macdonald	Evergreen HD	Alteration	ADU/Carport	9/23/2025
4	ADM25-00748	Administrative	137 N Robson	West 2nd St HD	New Construction	Fence	10/9/2025

- 4 COAs Issued (Q3) / 2 In-Progress (Require Revisions)
- 18 COAs reviewed in 2025 (2 Board Approval; 0 Withdrawn)

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Quarterly Report (Q3 2025)

Questions?