

## Historic Preservation Board



### *Minutes*

Mesa City Council Chambers – Lower level, 57 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Date: December 3, 2024 Time: 5:00 pm

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

James Babos, Chair  
Jocelyn Skogebo, Vice Chair  
Bruce Nelson  
BJ Parsons  
Ty Utton  
Jessica Sarkissian (left meeting at 6:01 pm)

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Courtney Mooney

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Matthew Kriegl  
Charlotte McDermott  
Mary Kopaskie-Brown  
Kellie Rorex  
Malloy Ress  
Dawn Dallman  
Jeff McVay  
Anthony Rodriguez  
Bryce Albretsen  
Jeffrey Robbins  
Kevin Klun

#### **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 5:01 pm.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2024 Historic Preservation Board meeting.**

It was motioned by Boardmember Utton, seconded by Boardmember Parsons, that the minutes from the November 5, 2024 Historic Preservation meeting be approved.

**Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:**

**AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Utton- Sarkissian**

**NAYS - None**

**EXCUSED – Mooney**

**ABSENT – None**

**3. Discussion Items.**

**3-a. Hear an update regarding the Downtown Façade Improvement Project.**

**Summary:**

**Anthony Rodriguez, Economic Development Specialist and Bryce Albretsen, Senior Civil Engineer displayed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting details of specific project locations. (see attachment 1)**

The Board discussed the balance between modern and historical elements, with some concerns about the modern feel of certain designs. The Board suggested modification of planters/signage could help with those issues. Chair Babos complimented staff for their work on this project.

**3-b. Hear a presentation regarding the Serrine House Project.**

**Summary:**

**Jeffrey Robbins, Senior Economic Development Project Manager and Kevin Klun Albretsen, Civil Engineer, displayed a PDF presentation detailing plans to transform the site into an agricultural entertainment space, including educational opportunities and public event spaces. The project aims to preserve the Serrine House and enhance the site's historical significance. (see attachment 2)**

Discussion ensued regarding funding, ways to activate the Serrine House, hours of operations, signage, parking and site security. The Board expressed excitement at this project.

**4. 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.

**5. Items from citizens present.\*\***

Vic Linoff of the Mesa Preservation Foundation at 628 N Center St. stated the need for clear administration and programming for the Serrine House, suggesting that the Board be involved in recommending activities for the site. He expressed concern about missed opportunities to restore historic facades of downtown buildings, which have been obscured by modern modifications. Finally, he shared exciting updates on the neon restoration project, with several signs being restored, and the potential acquisition of Ziggy's music store sign, while expressing concern over the missing El Charro restaurant signs.

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### 6. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.\*

Mr. Kriegl shared the following items with the Board:

- The Retreat is scheduled to take place on the morning of Saturday, January 11. The Retreat will take place at the Mesa Historical Museum located on 2345 N Horne St. Additional information will be provided in the following weeks.
- The 2024 Historic Preservation Month Essay & Art Contest is currently underway. Submission deadline is March 10, 2025. If anyone would like a copy of the flyer, let staff know and we'll send that out to you.
- He thanked and commended the Board on their diligent work with the Downtown Colonnade and Façade project. These last projects will be presented at the Mesa Design Review Board next week.

### 7. Adjournment.

It was motioned by Boardmember Utton, seconded by Boardmember Parsons, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

**Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:**

**AYES – Babos-Skogeto-Nelson-Parsons-Utton**

**NAYS - None**

**EXCUSED – Mooney-Sarkissian (left meeting at 6:01 pm)**

**ABSENT – None**

Respectfully submitted,

*Matthew Kriegl*

Matthew Kriegl  
Historic Preservation Officer

\* These items are for Board discussion only – no Board action will be taken on the items.

\*\* These items are not for Board discussion and no Board action will be taken at this meeting.

\*\*\* Any citizen wishing to speak on an agenda item should complete and turn in a blue card to City staff before that item is presented. When the Board considers the item, you will be called to the podium to provide your comments. 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.

A recording of the meeting is available upon request.  
Please contact the Planning Department with questions, 480-644-2385.

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# Downtown Façade Improvement Program

**Jeff McVay**  
Manager of Downtown Transformation

**Anthony Rodriguez**  
Downtown Transformation Project Manager

**Bryce Albretsen**  
Engineering Sr. Civil Engineer



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Preference for properties with colonnade
- Program Area: Country Club to Center, 1st St to 1st Ave
- City managed design and construction
- Historically sensitive design
- Private participants must contribute 5% of the total estimated direct construction cost





# PROPERTIES



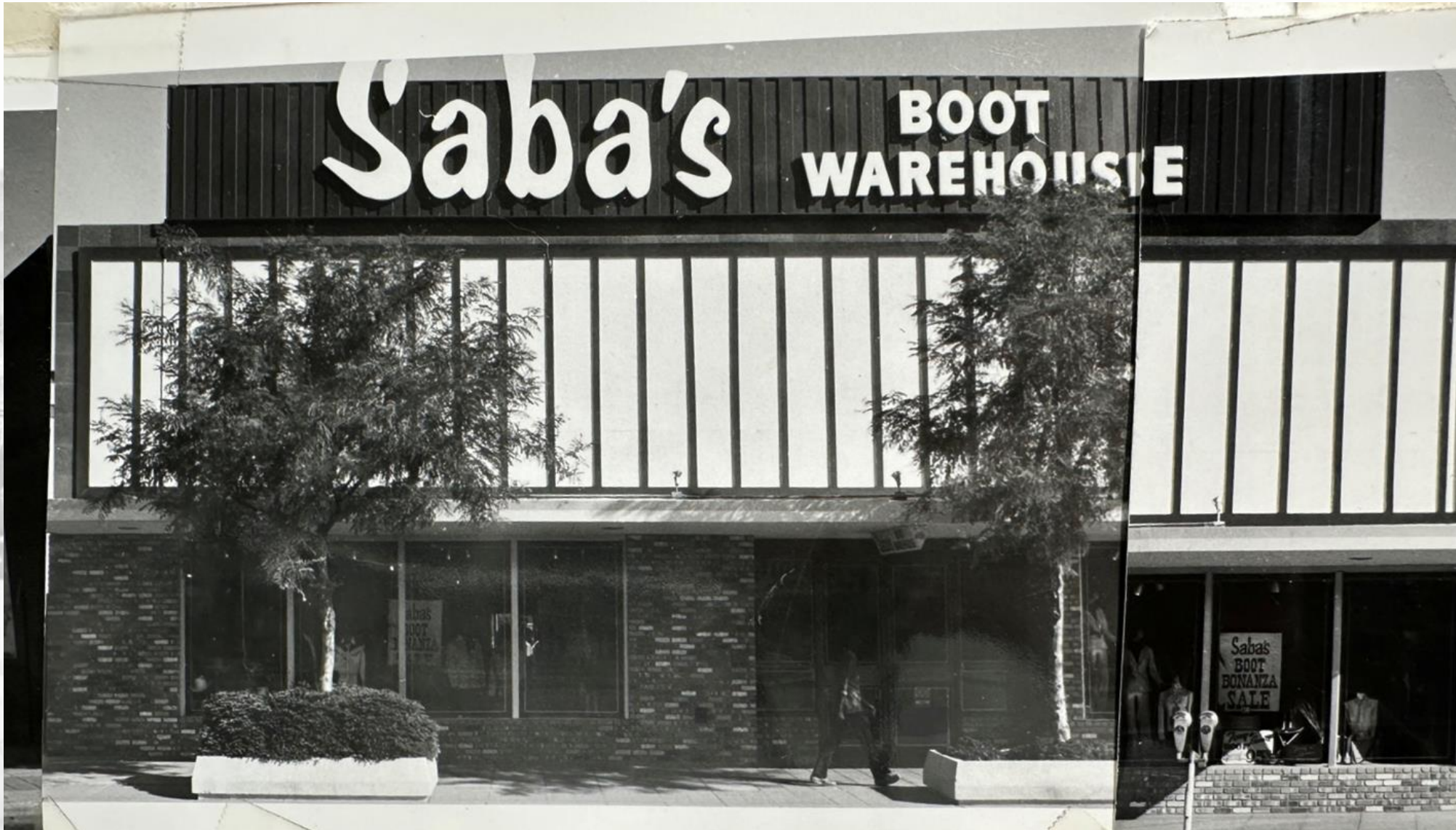


# 18 W. MAIN ST



- 18 W. Main St-  
Sonoran Rows (lease  
signed)







# 18 W. MAIN ST





# 45 & 47 W. MAIN ST



- 45 W. Main St- Linton-Milano Pianos
- 47 W. Main St- Le Studio Salon



# 45 & 47 W. MAIN ST

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# 45 & 47 W. MAIN ST





# 113-119 W. MAIN ST



- 113-119 W. Main St- Tre Bella
- Would be part of removing colonnade from MacDonald to Robson







113-119 W. MAIN ST





# 149 W. MAIN ST



- 149 W. Main St-  
Shirttail
- Would be part of  
removing colonnade  
from MacDonald to  
Robson

# 149 W. MAIN ST







# 155 W. MAIN ST



- 155 W. Main St- AZ Distilling Co.
- Would be part of removing colonnade from MacDonald to Robson



# 155 W. MAIN ST



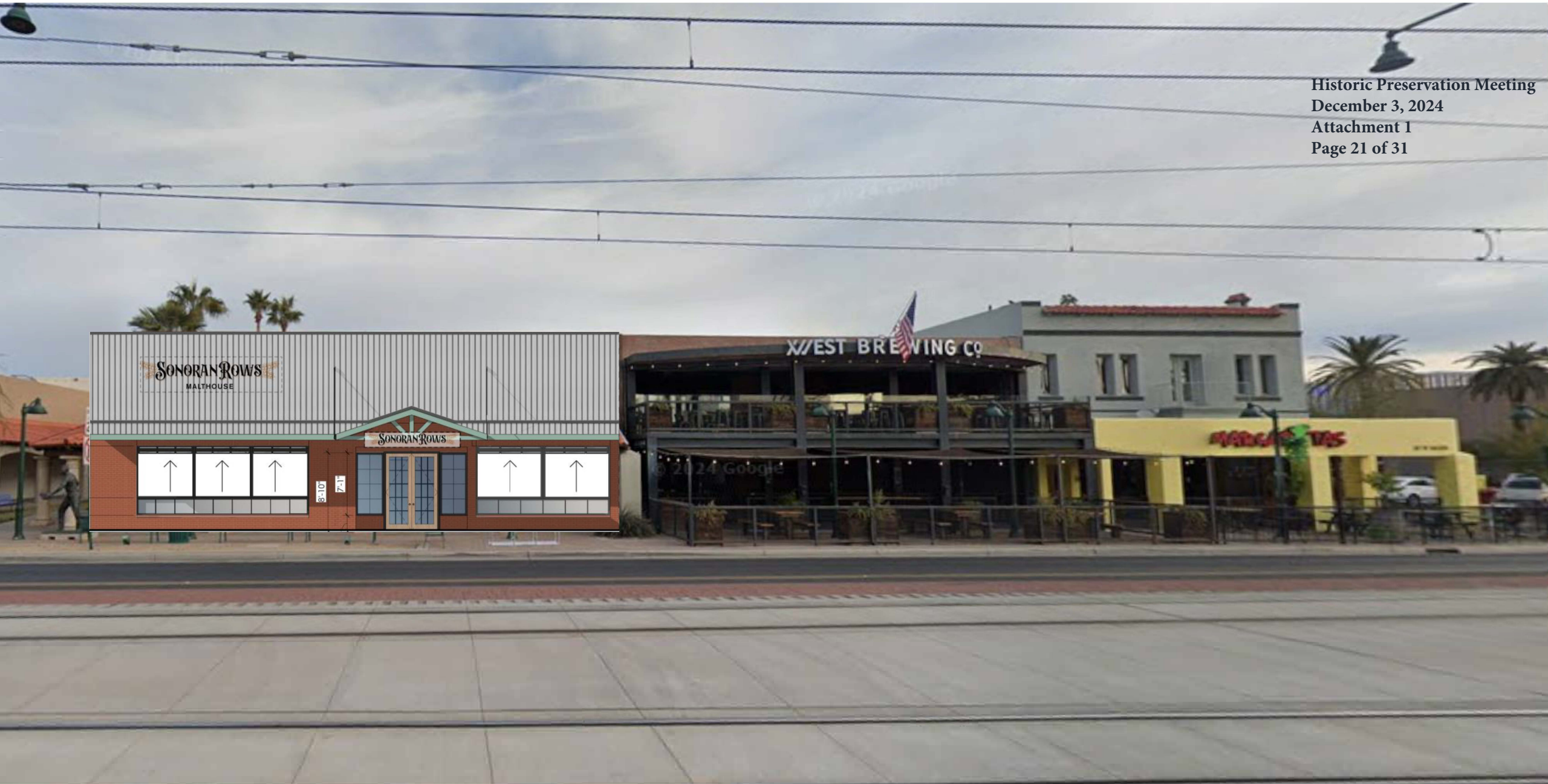




# QUESTIONS





















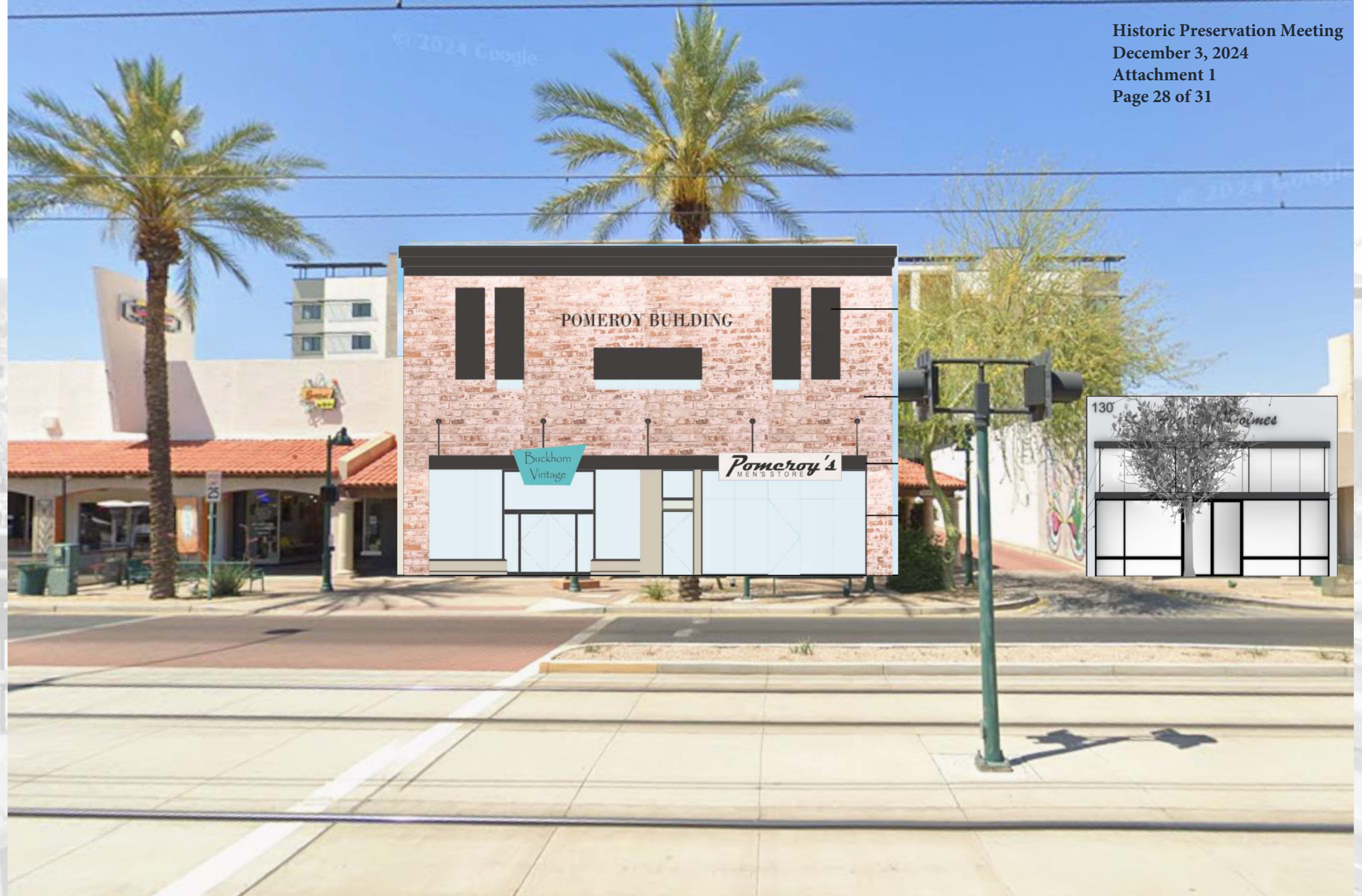


























# Sirrine House

Sirrine House Improvements Design Package  
11/21/2024



Project Goals



RESPECT THE HISTORY

*Beyond mere historical restoration, the City of Mesa has embarked on a creative journey to reimagine the Sirrine House as a dynamic space for the community. This project will be integrated into the overall design with a keen eye on preserving the historic aesthetic of the Sirrine House.*

- Incorporate design elements that complement the historic features of the Sirrine House.
- Ensure that all renovations and modern features respect the original architecture and materials.



URBAN FARMING

*Urban farming at the Sirrine House is not just about growing food; The Sirrine House will promote sustainable urban agriculture, showcasing farming practices that align with environmental stewardship. This feature will blend seamlessly into the historical landscape, demonstrating how the past can meet the future of sustainable living.*

- Establish on-site agricultural production focused on sustainability.
- Implement techniques such as composting, rainwater harvesting, and organic farming.
- Promote the farm-to-table concept by supplying locally grown produce to the community.
- Integrate the farming area into educational and community programs.
- Use the site as a model for urban farming in a historic, urban setting.



EDUCATIONAL HUB

*The Sirrine House will be a community hub for education, providing enriching experiences for learners of all ages. School programs, historical tours, urban farming workshops, cut flowers, and cooking classes will all find a home within this historical site.*

- Create educational programs centered on the history of the Sirrine House and urban farming.
- Offer workshops on topics like sustainable agriculture, cooking with locally grown produce, and floriculture.
- Provide interactive learning experiences for all age groups, from children to adults.



PUBLIC EVENTS

*The Sirrine House will serve as a versatile venue for community events such as farm-to-table food service, local farm produce selling, weekly food trucks, etc. From cultural gatherings to educational workshops, this space will foster a sense of togetherness, making it a cornerstone of community life in Mesa.*

- Host farm-to-table dinners, seasonal markets, and weekend food truck events.
- Organize community-based workshops, and cultural events.
- Provide a flexible space for small gatherings.
- Incorporate retail that promotes local culture, sustainability, and education.



DESIGN SITE PLAN

Legend

- (A) Entryway Arbor  
*with lady banks roses on the trellis*
- (B) Flexible Stage  
*can serve as small event stage with outlet*
- (C) Gathering Area  
*underneath the tree canopies*
- (D) Orchard Grove  
*the formal welcoming entrance to the Sirrine House from Center St.*
- (E) Sirrine House Planters  
*provide a buffer to the historical house*
- (F) Promenade String Lighting  
*provide the illumination along the north to south promenade*
- (G) Canopy Structure  
*Providing shade in the southeast dining area*
- (H) Farm Stands  
*shipping container food vendors and cafes*
- (I) Farming Areas  
*farm lands for the urban agriculture*
- (J) Back Patio  
*outdoor classroom space with wash stands*
- (K) Green Fencing  
*green fencing with grape vines*
- (L) Rain Gardens  
*the planting areas will catch rainwater from the shade structure*
- (M) Food Trucks  
*ponding at carriage house entrance*
- (N) Restrooms  
*preserve and relocate on finished site*
- (O) Tool Shed / Operation Space  
*preserve and relocate on finished site*
- (P) Loading Area  
*not historic; potential repurpose*
- (Q) Green House  
*potential repurpose as working sheds*

Limited of Work Line  
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BIRD'S EYE PERSPECTIVE





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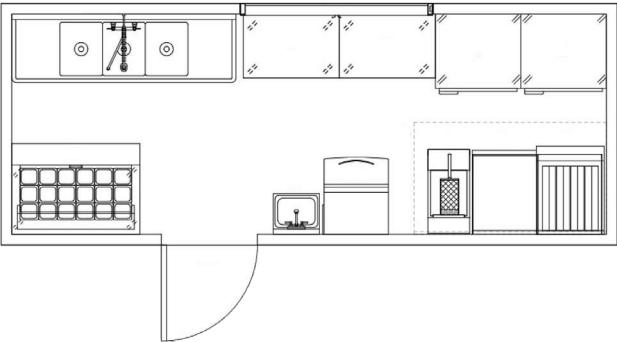
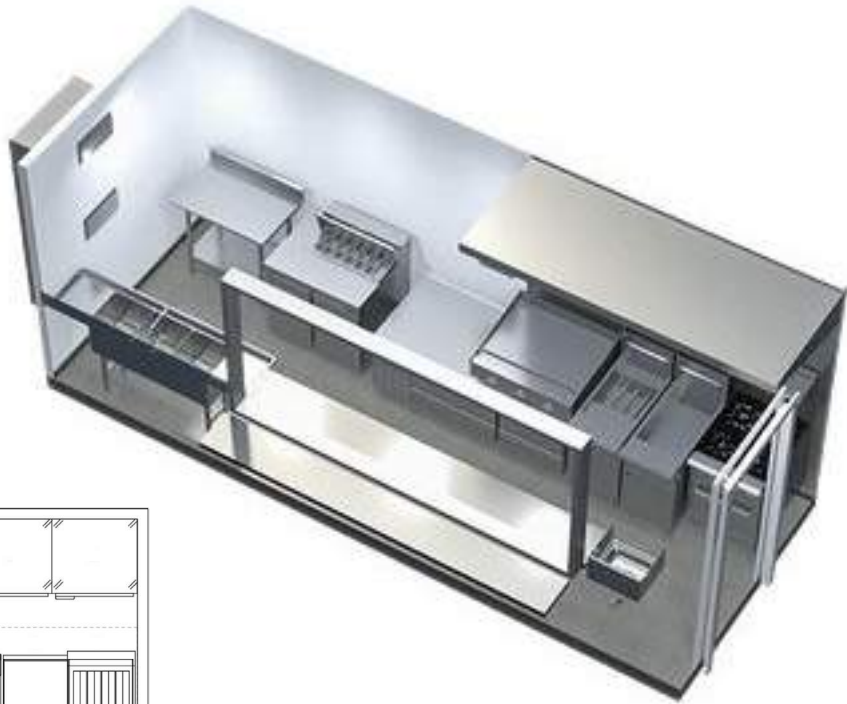
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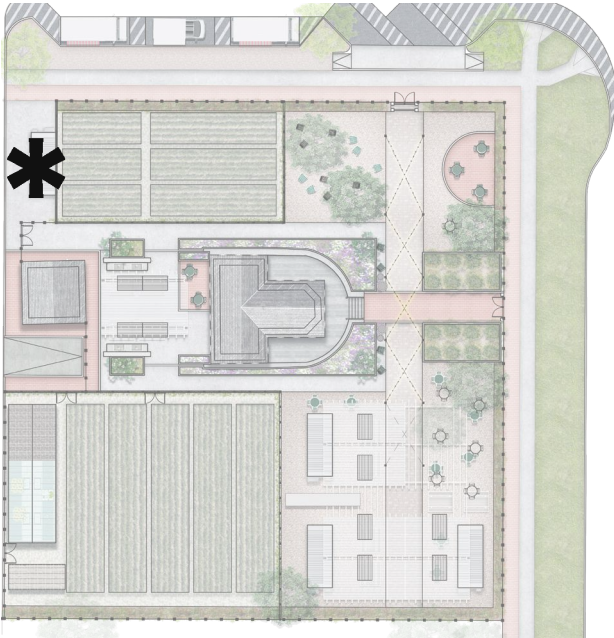
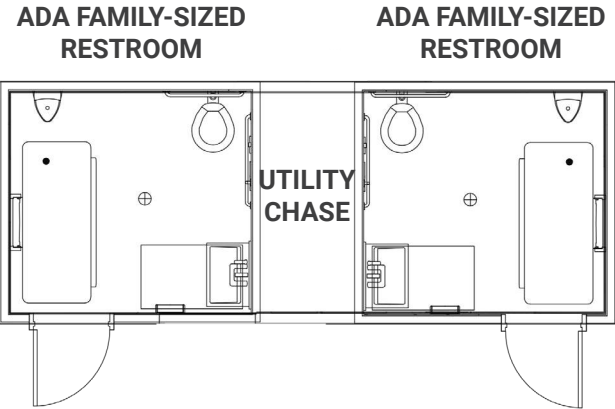
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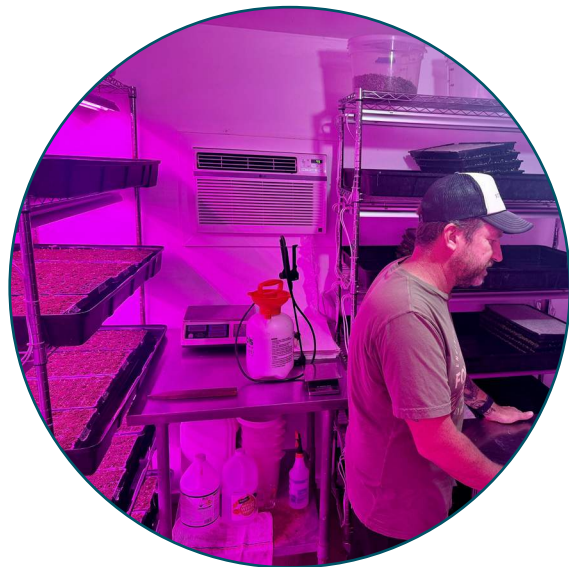
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FARM STANDS



**Greenhouse Alternatives**



INDOOR SEED STARTING &  
GROW LIGHT



REFRIGERATOR FOR CUT  
FLOWERS



PACKING & OPERATION

