



City Council

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Lehi Heritage Neighborhood

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Request

- Heritage Neighborhood Designation for the Lehi Neighborhood





Location

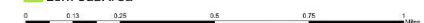
Generally bounded by:

- Center Street to the west
- Thomas Road to the north
- Gilbert Road to the east
- McKellips Road to the south



Proposed Lehi Heritage Neighborhood

■ Proposed Heritage Neighborhood
■ Lehi SubArea





Zoning

- Agricultural (AG)
- Single Residence 43 (RS-43)





Criteria Evaluation

Heritage Neighborhood Recognition Program Criteria

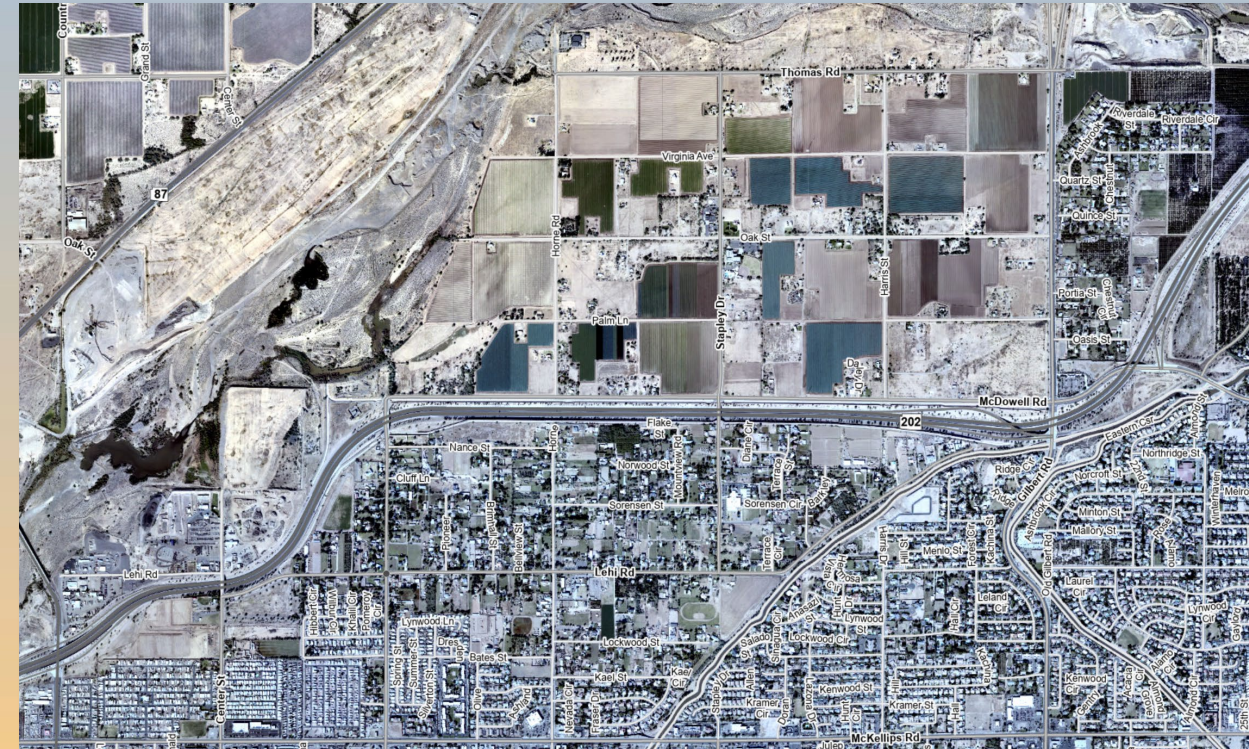
- ✓ The majority of the neighborhood was originally developed at least 50 years ago.
 - Lehi was settled in 1877 by Mormon pioneers who were a part of the ‘Lehi’ Company.
- ✓ The overall character of the neighborhood, in terms of types and scale of building, remains the same as in the historic period.
 - During the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s homes continued to be built. They coexist with the historic-era homes and are in keeping with an ‘urban ranch’ style that echoes the original settlement.





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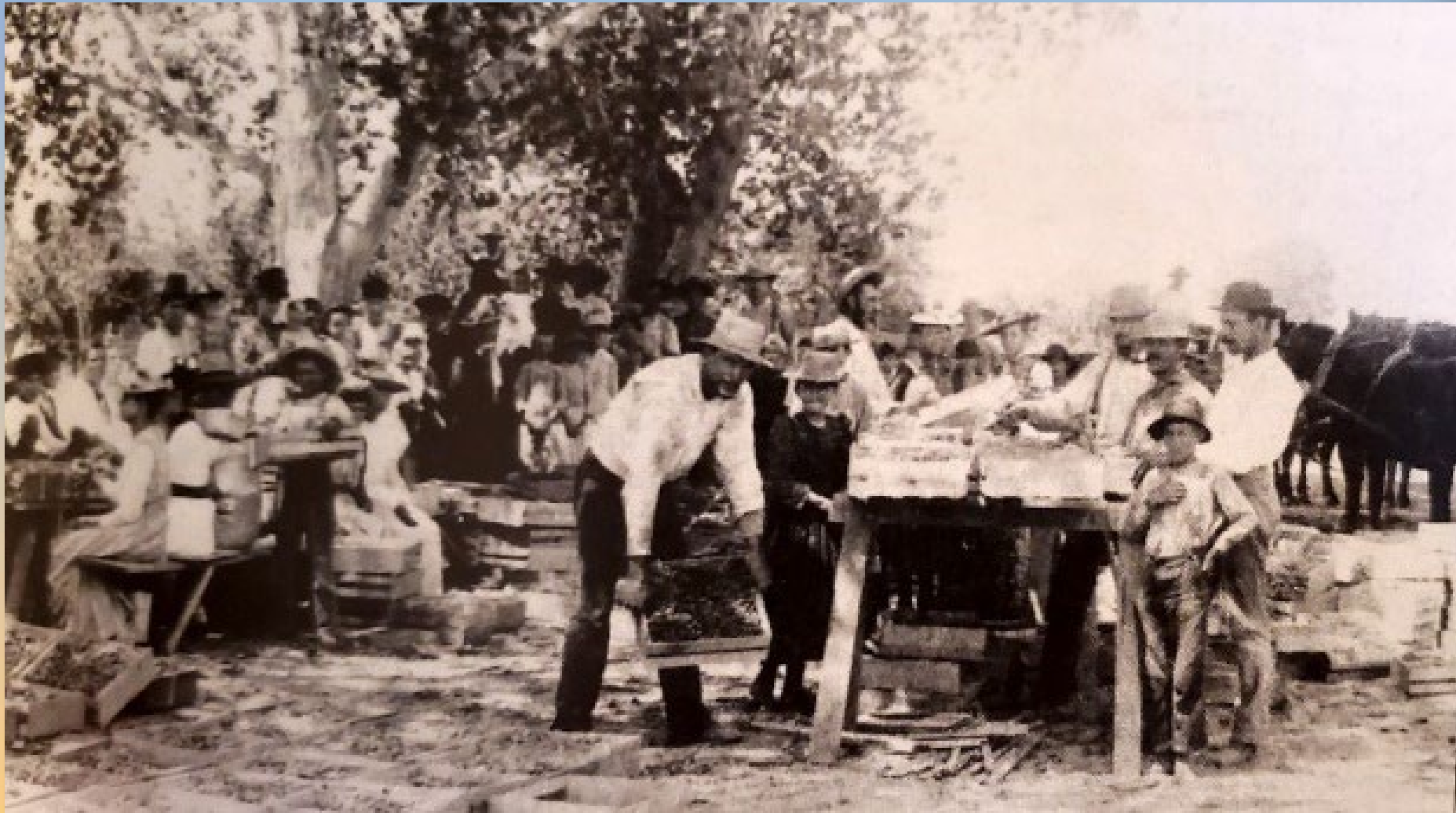




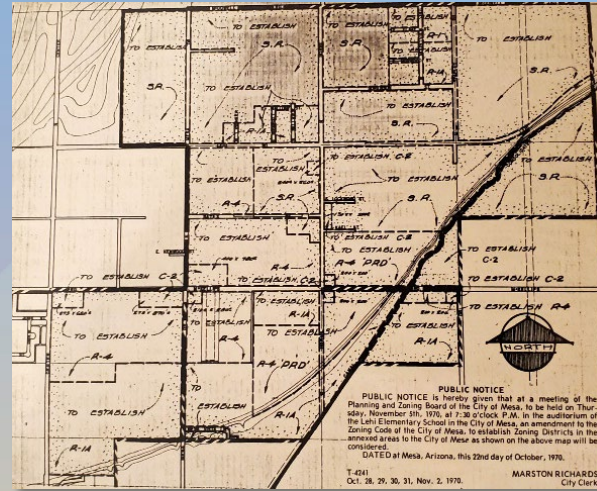
Criteria Evaluation

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- ✓ Documentation is submitted indicating that, during the historic period, the residents and/or business owners in the area worked together to create a unique and identifiable neighborhood character distinguishable from their surroundings or neighboring areas that brought people together and continues to influence the nature of the neighborhood.
 - A key characteristic of the Lehi neighborhood is its agricultural roots. There is a strong community that works to maintain the agricultural character of the area.







THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Rural bastion fading

Lehi 🌳 🏠

What is the price for progress? 🌳 🏠

In Lehi, the country life is cherished but also threatened. Today Community looks at life in Lehi and what the future has in store.



Criteria Evaluation

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- ✓ There are unique and identifiable physical characteristics that create the fabric of the neighborhood (i.e. building scale, material, color, proportions, or other historical associative or contextual values).
 - Characteristics include large lots, rural atmosphere, farming, livestock structures, amenities for horseback riding, open canals/flood irrigation, mature vegetation, and buildings of historic significance.









Criteria Evaluation

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- ✓ Residents are able to document the people, events, and/or cultural heritage that influenced the neighborhood's historic integrity.
 - There is documentation of the original Lehi Settlers and early families of Lehi, many of which have descendants still living in Lehi today.





Original Lehi Settlers

- Daniel Jones and family
- Henry C. Rogers, Ross R. Rogers and family
- Isaac R. Turley and family
- Thomas Biggs and family
- John D. Brady and family
- Thomas S. Merrill and family*
- Philemon C. Merrill and family*
- Dudley J. Merrill and family*
- Adelbert Merrill and family*
- Joseph E. McRae and family*
- George Steele and family*
- Austin O. Williams and family*

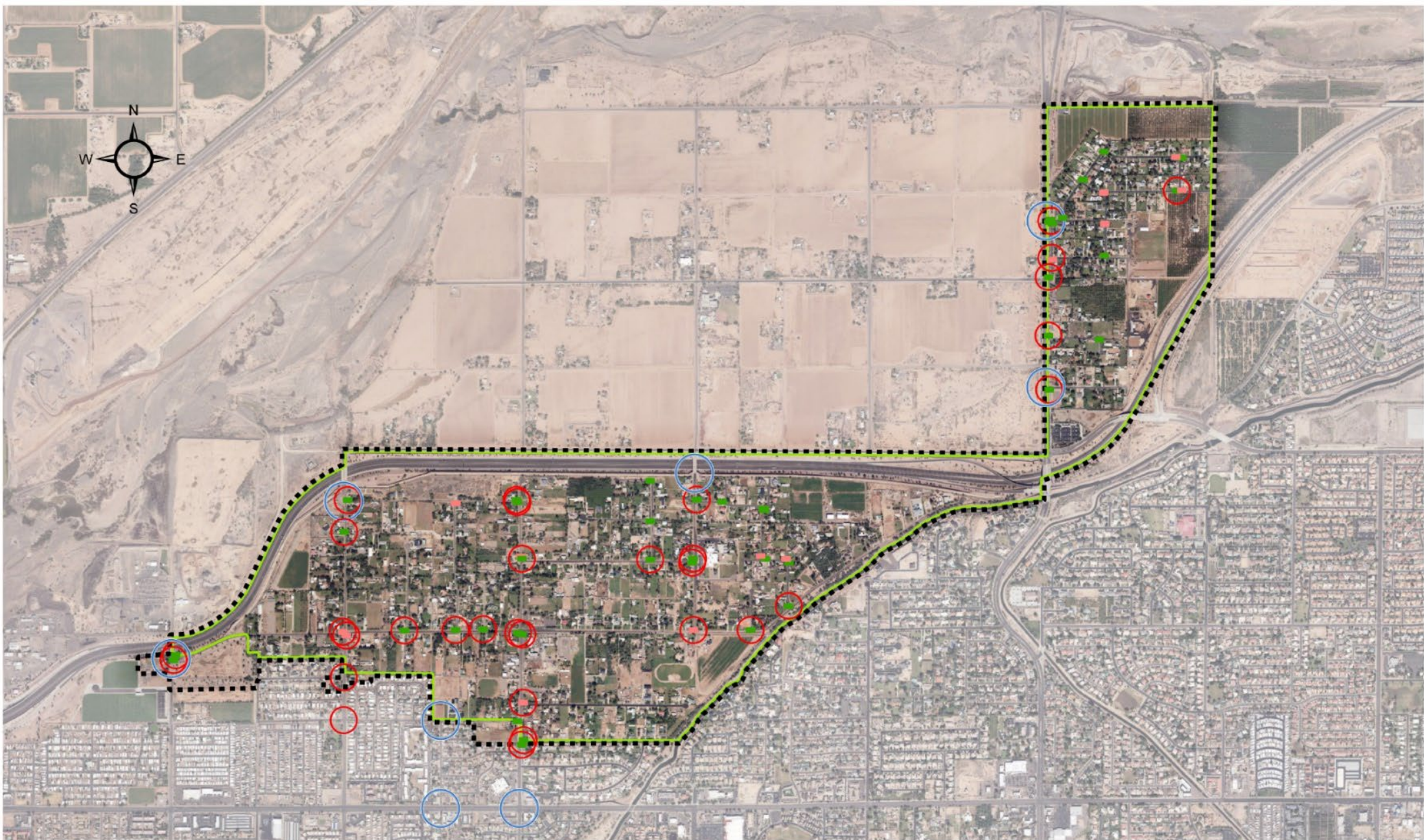


(*Families left in the summer after arrival (Merrill, One Hundred Footprints on the Forgotten Trails, 1978))



Signage Plan

Sign Type	Amount	Cost
D3 (Street sign on existing street sign)	31	\$2,015 (\$65 each)
Heritage Neighborhood Specialty Sign (neighborhood entry sign)	6	\$900 (\$150 each)
		Estimated Total (with contingency) \$3,915



Proposed Street Sign Locations

- Street Sign on Freestanding Pole (50)
- Street Sign on a Street Light Pole (17)
- Sign on existing street sign (32)
- Heritage Neighborhood Entry Sign (8)

 Proposed Heritage Neighborhood
 Lehi SubArea
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Citizen Participation

- Applicant has actively engaged neighbors and garnered neighborhood support
- Applicant and city staff presented at annual neighborhood meeting
- 238 additional signatures collected representing neighborhood support

CITY OF MESA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Mesa Historic Preservation Office is holding a public meeting to discuss:

LEHI HERITAGE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION PROGRAM APPLICATION

JANUARY 24, 2023 | 6:30 PM

This meeting will be held at:

Lehi Elementary School
2555 N Stapley Dr, Mesa, AZ 85203

Questions? Contact Maura Jackson: historicpreservation@mesaaz.gov (480) 644-2021

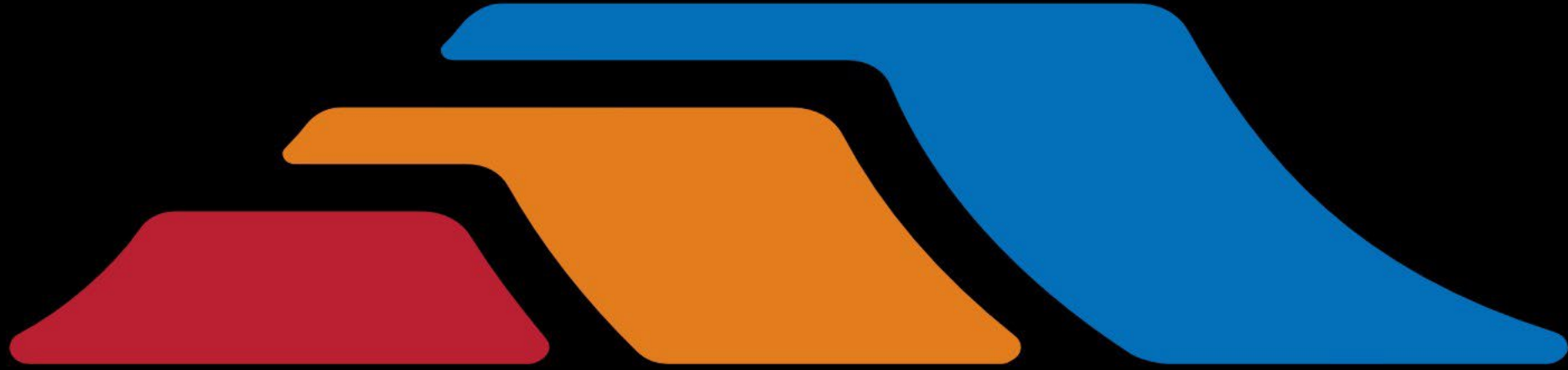


Findings

- ✓ The Lehi neighborhood meets the criteria for the Heritage Neighborhood Recognition Program

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Historic Preservation Board Recommendation: Approval (4-0)



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708 E Lehigh rd Home of Milo Skill + fam. Alice "Babe" Skill
Pats mother about 1916

