

Historic Preservation Board



Minutes

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Babos, Chair
Jocelyn Skogebo, Vice Chair
Bruce Nelson
BJ Parsons
Jessica Sarkissian*

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ty Utton

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew Kriegl
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 5:05 pm.

2. Approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Parsons, that the minutes from March 4, 2025 Historic Preservation meetings be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons- Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Utton

ABSENT – None

3. Discussion Items:

3-a. Quarterly Report on Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) and Section 106 Reviews for October 2024 - December 2024 (see attachment 1)

Summary:

Matthew Kriegl, Historic Preservation Officer, displayed a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Q4 report. (see attachment 1)

In response to a question from Chair Babos, Mr. Kriegl stated the requested Certificate of Appropriateness at the Lehi School was for an additional antenna to an existing cell phone tower.

4. Action Items:

4-a. Discuss and select 2025 Mesa Historic Preservation Essay and Visual Arts Contest submissions winners in each category (see attachment 2)

Summary:

After discussion clarifying the voting process, the following actions were taken.

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, to approve the K-3rd grade art contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Katyelle Cyr-Gillian
- 2nd Place – Levi Barlow
- 3rd Place – William Winward

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES-Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED - Utton

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, to approve the 4th-6th grade art contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Wyatt Vinson
- 2nd Place – Seth Jones
- 3rd Place – Alexy Ruiz Venegas

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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AYES-Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED - Utton

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, to approve the 7th-12th grade art contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Kjernan Dockery
- 2nd Place – Liam Maes
- 3rd Place – Claire Boyd

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES-Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED - Utton

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Parsons, seconded by Boardmember Nelson, to approve the 4th-6th grade essay contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Anna Wallis
- 2nd Place – Aiden Dame
- 3rd Place – Ava Beilfuss

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES-Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED - Utton

ABSENT – None

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, to approve the 7th-12th grade essay contest results as shown below.

- 1st Place – Jayden Stirk

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES-Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED - Utton

ABSENT – None

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

Boardmember Nelson shared that the school in the Washington-Escobedo community will be closing at the end of the year. It's located on the original site of the Booker T. Washington Segregated School which later became the Washington Activity Center. The community is currently in talks with the city about what to do with the building.

6. Items from citizens present.**

Vic Linoff, 628 N Center St Mesa, discussed the history of Site 17 and the importance of incorporating historical significance into new projects. Mr. Linoff also mentioned the Mesa Historical Museum's restoration project, the opportunity for Board members to purchase a brick in the museum's name (**see board handout 1**) , an update on the Neon Garden (**see attachment 2**) , and the upcoming Historic Preservation Conference in Phoenix.

7. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.*

Mr. Kriegl shared the following items with the Board:

- Mr. Kriegl thanked the Board for their support with this year's art and essay contest.
- Staff continues to work on the updates to the Text Amendments and the Design Guidelines. A presentation to the Board is planned in the next couple of months.
- Mesa's Historic Preservation Month Event is Saturday, May 3, 2025 at The Post from 9 am – 1 pm. This 1990s themed event will include a 30-year birthday party for Mesa's CLG status, student Art & Essay awards, Historic District tours, and refreshments.
- The Arizona Preservation Foundation's Preserve AZ Conference will take place May 14-17, 2025, in Phoenix. Please contact staff or go to azpreservation.org/conference if you would like any additional information or details.
- In response to a question from Chair Babos, Mr. Kriegl shared there are several applications that are being reviewed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

8. Adjournment.

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Vice Chair Skogebo, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Skogebo-Nelson-Parsons-Sarkissian

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Utton

ABSENT – None

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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.

Historic Preservation Office

2024 Quarter 4 – Quarterly Report



April 2025

Section 106 Projects

Quarter 4 (October-December 2024)

Section 106 Projects – Q4 2024 (Oct-Dec)						
No.	Project Name	Type	Findings	Project Location	Date Received	Approval Date
1	ADOT; North-South Segment 1, US 60 to Arizona Farms Road	Comment	No comments or questions at this time	North-South Corridor (State Route 505L) study located between Apache Junction and Florence in Pinal County, Arizona	10/11/2024	11/20/2024
2	FTA; Federal Community Project Grant 2023-CMPJ-001 (Architectural History)	Comment	No Adverse Effect	Bus stops throughout Mesa	9/30/2024	10/17/2024
3	PHO Edgewood	Comment	Recommend archaeological monitoring	1758 E 8th Ave, Mesa, AZ	11/1/2024	11/20/2024
4	UPRR Pirate (Invasive Damage Assessment Technical Report)	Comment	No Additional Comments	Center of wye, northeast of Rittenhouse Road between Power and Sossaman Roads	10/30/2024	N/A
5	FTA; Federal Community Project Grant 2023-CMPJ-001 (Archaeology)	Comment	Sent Comments to SHPO	Bus stops throughout Mesa	11/14/2024	1/8/2024
6	ADM24-00931	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	1016 S Longwood LP	10/29/2024	11/25/2024
7	ADM24-00930	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	2239 W 8th Ave	10/29/2024	11/25/2024
8	ADM24-00928	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	719 W 2nd St	10/29/2024	11/25/2024

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- 54 Section 106 Projects processed in 2024

Section 106 Projects

Quarter 4 (October-December 2024)

Section 106 Projects – Q4 2024 (Oct-Dec)						
No.	Project Name	Type	Findings	Project Location	Date Received	Approval Date
9	ADM24-00927	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	1718 S Longmore St	10/29/2024	11/25/2024
10	ADM24-01038	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	1725 N Date	12/4/2024	12/12/2024
11	ADM24-01039	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	6237 E Pearl St	12/4/2024	12/12/2024
12	ADM24-01040	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	3440 E Southern Ave	12/4/2024	12/17/2024
13	ADM24-01041	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	1764 S 82nd St	12/4/2024	12/17/2024
14	ADM24-01042	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	8033 E Medina Ave	12/4/2024	12/17/2024
15	ADM24-01043	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	202 N Horne	12/4/2024	12/17/2024
16	Alma School & McKellips AZ, 1753 North Alma School Road, Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona 85201-1911, EBI Project No.: 036877-PR	Comment	Comment: Jurisdiction of Maricopa County	1753 N Alma School Rd	12/23/2025	1/15/2025

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Certificate of Appropriateness Projects

Quarter 4 (October-December 2024)

Certificate of Appropriateness Projects – Q4 2024 (Oct-Dec)							
No.	Project Name	Type	Property Address	Location (HD/LM)	Project Type	Subtype	Approval Date
1	ADM24-00899	Administrative	158 W 7th Pl	Evergreen HD	Alteration	Addition	11/21/2024
2	ADM24-00943	Administrative	2345 N Horne St (Mesa Historical Museum)	Lehi School LM	Alteration	Cell Tower	11/19/2024
3	ADM24-00954	Administrative	160 N Center St (Sirrine House)	W 2nd St HD	Alteration	Rehabilitation	11/19/2024
4	ADM24-00999	Administrative	430 W Clark St	West Side-Clark Addition HD	Alteration	Roof	11/26/2024

- 4 COAs Issued (Q4)
- 22 COAs reviewed in 2024 (1 withdrawn)

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Quarterly Report (Q4 2024)

Questions?

NEON GARDEN AT THE POST

26 N Macdonald
Mesa, AZ 85201

Submitting for the 2025 Governor's Heritage
Preservation Honor Awards

Historic Preservation Meeting
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STORAGE AND RESTORATION

Through the efforts of Vic Linoff of the Mesa Preservation Foundation and with the City of Mesa's support, several of Mesa's original neon signs that were slated to be removed were ultimately salvaged and stored with the intention of one day bringing it back to life in a permanent setting for public display. These neon signs from the 1940s through 1970s had once lined the major roadways of Mesa before freeways took over the Phoenix Valley and soon became obsolete with the introduction of billboards and LED lighting.





Stage Rendering of Concert



Stage Rendering of Wedding

SECONDARY OBJECTIVE

Increase programmable
and flexible space that
could be used both
independently from the
interior functions or in
unison for larger
events.



Plaza Rendering of Farmer's Market



Plaza Rendering of Food Trucks

OVERVIEW

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IN-PROGRESS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



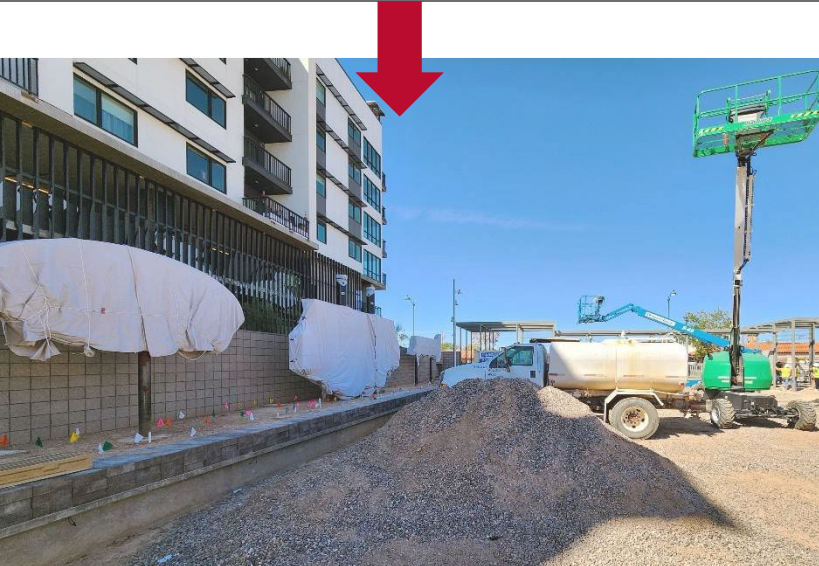
SW Corner Plaza



SE Corner Plaza



NW Corner Plaza



SW Corner Plaza In-Progress



SE Corner Plaza In-Progress



NW Corner Plaza In-Progress



Street View from W Pepper Pl



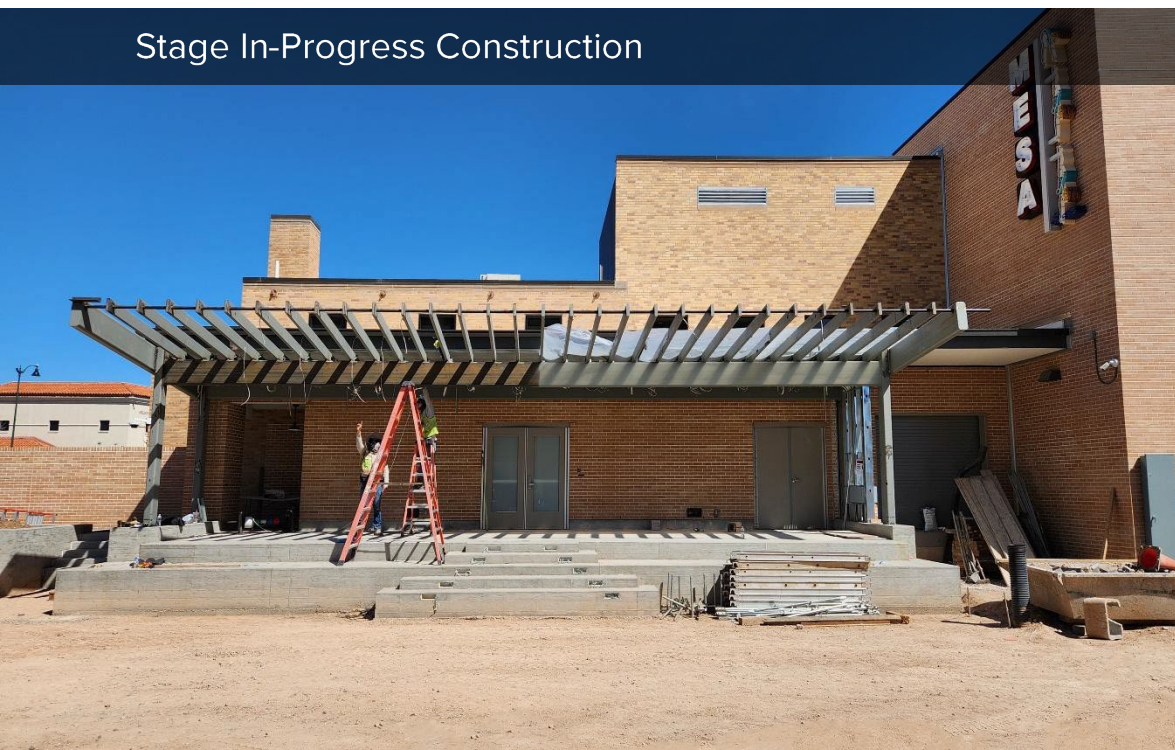
Birdseye from NE Corner



Birdseye from SW Corner



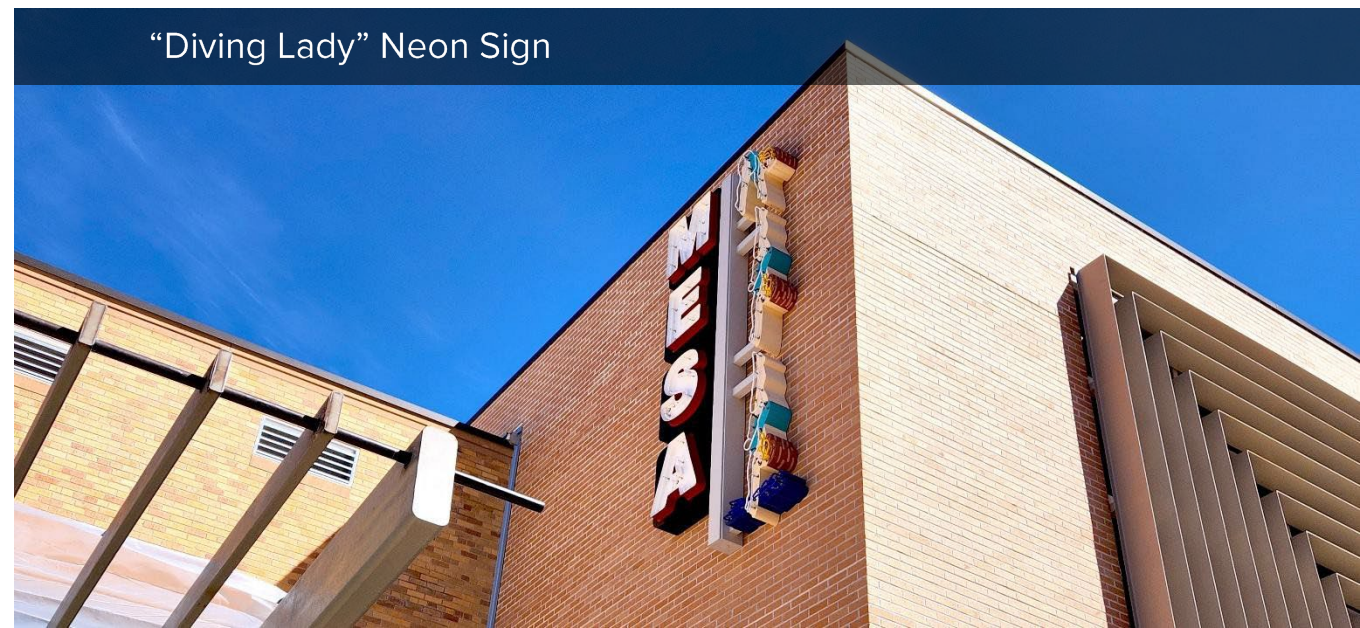
Stage Wedding Rendering



Stage In-Progress Construction



"Diving Lady" In-Progress Construction



"Diving Lady" Neon Sign

NEON SIGNS

The restored historic neon signs installed to date which include Dairy Queen, Bill Johnson's, and a sign from a local Ford dealership, can be found on new supports the west landscape area with the former Frontier Motel sign located in the north beds near Pepper. Stealing the show on the south side of the site standing over 27 feet above the garden is the former Watson's Flower shop sign.

Additionally, added to the building itself with a Mesa twist is a replica of the infamous Starlite Motel's Diving Lady.

