

Historic Preservation Board



Minutes

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Babos, Chair
Bruce Nelson
BJ Parsons
Lamont Slater*

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jocelyn Skogebo, Vice Chair
Jessica Sarkissian

STAFF PRESENT:

Matthew Kriegl
Charlotte McDermott
Kellie Rorex
Kevin Klun
Jeff Robbins
Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre
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 5:13 pm.

2. Introduction of New Board Member – Lamont Slater, Ph.D.

Summary:

Boardmember Slater shared he is new to Mesa, has a background in history and an interest in historic preservation, community developments, and historical memorials. He is looking forward to serving as a Board member.

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3. Approval of the minutes from April 1, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Parsons, that the minutes from April 1, 2025 Historic Preservation meeting be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons-Slater

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo-Sarkissian

ABSENT – None

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Historic Preservation Board

It was motioned by Boardmember Parsons, seconded by Boardmember Nelson to continue the Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the September 2, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons-Slater

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo-Sarkissian

ABSENT – None

5. Discussion Items:

- 5-a. Quarterly Report on Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) approvals issued by the City for alterations to City designated historic structures and Section 106 Reviews as identified under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for projects evaluated between January 2025 - March 2025 (see attachment 1)**

Summary:

Matthew Kriegl, Historic Preservation Officer, displayed a PowerPoint presentation for January through March 2025, detailing the six Section 106 Projects and six Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) issued.

Chair Babos inquired about COA, ADM25-00035. Mr. Kriegl provided additional details on the Macdonald Project.

- 5-b. Quarterly Report on Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) approvals issued by the City for alterations to City designated historic structures and Section 106 Reviews as identified under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for projects evaluated between April 2025 - June 2025 (see attachment 2)**

Summary:

Matthew Kriegl, Historic Preservation Officer, displayed a PowerPoint presentation for April through June 2025, detailing the five Section 106 Projects and eight Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) issued.

5-c. Presentation and Staff Update on the Serrine House Project (160 N Center St) (see attachment 3)

Summary:

Kevin Klun, Civil Engineer and Jeff Robbins, Manager of Urban Transformation presented an update on the Serrine House Project, a Victorian-era house in downtown Mesa. The project aims to respect the history, promote urban farming, and serve as an educational hub and public events space. Detailed site plans were presented, including the layout of bathrooms, parking stalls, and prefabricated containers for a restaurant and coffee shop. Changes from the previous presentation include shifting the stage to the northeast corner, redesigning the bathrooms for ADA accessibility, and new sign with logo.

Discussion ensued between staff and Board members. Staff is hoping the Serrine house will open Winter 2026.

5-d. Discussion on the collection materials located in the Mesa Room at the Main Branch of the Mesa Public library including but not limited to historical and contemporary materials regarding the City of Mesa (see attachment 4)

Summary:

Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre, Library Associate highlighted the Mesa Room at the Main Branch Library as a resource for historical research. The Mesa Room contains documents, records, city directories, historic plat maps, newspaper archives, oral histories, subject files, biography files, books, and digital access to Ancestry.com. Ms. Blackburn-Aguirre shared a personal story about discovering family history through the Mesa Room's resources. The Mesa Room is in the process of being reorganized and updated to support historic landmark nominations, neighborhood conservation projects, and community storytelling. **(see board handout 1)**

Chair Babos suggested a future Essay Contest topic could be to research your family history or a building specifically using the Mesa Room as a resource.

6. 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.

7. Items from citizens present.**

Vic Linoff from the Mesa Preservation Foundation, 628 N Center St discussed the need for a larger space to house Mesa's historical collection, which currently divided between the Mesa room, the Arizona Museum of Natural History, and the Mesa Historical Museum. Mr. Linoff highlighted the importance of preserving sidewalk stamps as a linear history of neighborhoods and suggested the Preservation Officer could be involved in their preservation. Mr. Linoff also discussed the potential expansion of the Neon Garden to a new area between the library and the convention center and the acquisition of two significant neon signs

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8. Historic Preservation Officer's Updates.*

Mr. Kriegl shared the following items with the Board:

- The Mesa Historic Preservation Art and Essay Contest was a great success with about 70 attendees. Mr. Kriegl thanked the Board members that attended and participated. The art is currently installed at the Mesa Historical Museum and will remain until the end of summer.
- Mr. Kriegl attended the Arizona Preservation Foundation Preserve AZ Conference and gave a presentation on the annual Art and Essay Contest. It was one of the highest attended sessions. During the conference the city of Mesa received the Governor's Heritage Preservation Honor Award for the Neon Gardens at The Post.
- The Neon Sign Garden opened with a large ceremony. Mr. Kriegl thanked all who attended and participated in that event.
- In early July the Federal Historic Preservation Fund was restored, allowing State Historic Preservation Offices to resume its functions critical to the preservation of our culture and heritage.
- Presentations will be given at either the September or October Historic Preservation meetings on the upcoming revisions to the Historic Preservation Guidelines and Code Revisions.
- Plans for the next Mesa Historic Preservation Student Art and Essay Contest are underway, with a larger celebration planned for the first Saturday in May 2026, at The Post. So, please bring topic ideas to the next meeting. Also, the Historic Preservation Coloring Books and updated Historic Downtown Mesa Walking Tour Guides created for this year's contest are both available in the Development Services lobby.

9. Adjournment.

It was motioned by Boardmember Nelson, seconded by Boardmember Parsons, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

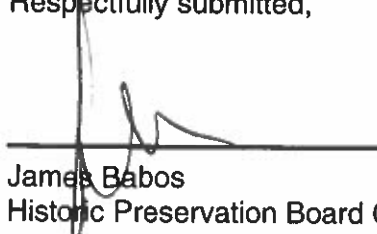
AYES – Babos-Nelson-Parsons-Slater

NAYS - None

EXCUSED – Skogebo-Sarkissian

ABSENT – None

Respectfully submitted,



James Babos
Historic Preservation Board Chair

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* 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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2025 Quarter 1 – Quarterly Report



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Section 106 Projects

Quarter 1 (January-March 2025)

Section 106 Projects – Q1 2025 (Jan-Mar)						
No.	Project Name	Type	Findings	Project Location	Date Received	Approval Date
1	PHO BELL PARK NE COW 6321 (Verizon)	Comment	Recommend that an inadvertent discovery protocol be followed if any cultural material is discovered during ground disturbing activities	6321 S Ellsworth Rd	1/17/2025	2/10/2025
2	ADM25-00126	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	220 W 8th St	2/18/2025	4/2/2025
3	ADM25-00129	Review	No Adverse Effect	448 W 1st St	2/18/2025	4/2/2025
4	ADM25-00136	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	950 S Spur	2/20/2025	4/3/2025
5	ADM25-00171	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	1102 N 88th St	3/3/2025	3/17/2025
6	ADM25-00200	Review	No Adverse Effect (no consultation required for land acquisition)	17 W University Dr	3/11/2025	5/13/2025

- 6 Section 106 Projects Processed (Q1)
- 6 Section 106 Projects processed in 2025

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Certificate of Appropriateness Projects

Quarter 1 (January-March 2025)

Certificate of Appropriateness Projects – Q1 2025 (Jan-Mar)

No.	Project Name	Type	Property Address	Location (HD/LM)	Project Type	Subtype	Approval Date
1	ADM24-00848	Administrative	440 W Clark St	West Side-Clark Addition HD	New Construction	House	1/3/2025
2	ADM24-01105	Administrative	248 N Lebaron	Evergreen HD	New Construction	Shed	1/16/2025
3	ADM25-00035	HP BOARD	228 N Macdonald	West 2nd St HD	Demolition	Apartment Unit	3/4/2025
4	ADM25-00028	Administrative	523 W Clark St	West Side-Clark Addition HD	New Construction	Workshop	2/13/2025
5	ADM25-00131	HP BOARD	523 W Clark St	West Side-Clark Addition HD	Demolition	Workshop	3/4/2025
6	ADM25-00140	Administrative	860 E 2nd St	Frasier Fields HD	New Construction	Garage	3/26/2025

- 6 COAs Issued (Q1)
- 6 COAs reviewed in 2025 (2 Board Approval; 0 Withdrawn)

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Quarterly Report (Q1 2025)

Questions?

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2025 Quarter 2 – Quarterly Report



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Section 106 Projects

Quarter 2 (April-June 2025)

Section 106 Projects – Q2 2025 (Apr-Jun)						
No.	Project Name	Type	Findings	Project Location	Date Received	Approval Date
1	ADM25-00311	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	2228 W Del Oro Cir	4/15/2025	4/22/2025
2	ADM25-00416	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	9233 E Neville Ave, Unit 1017	5/21/2025	6/4/2025
3	ADM25-00435	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	6135 E Evergreen St	5/27/2025	6/5/2025
4	ADM25-00452	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	850 S Coleman	6/3/2025	6/12/2025
5	ADM25-00453	Review	No Historic Properties Affected	710 W 2nd Pl	6/3/2025	6/12/2025

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Certificate of Appropriateness Projects

Quarter 2 (April-June 2025)

Certificate of Appropriateness Projects – Q2 2025 (Apr-Jun)

No.	Project Name	Type	Property Address	Location (HD/LM)	Project Type	Subtype	Approval Date
1	ADM25-00165	Administrative	535 N Grand	Evergreen HD	Alteration	House	4/7/2025
2	ADM25-00164	Administrative	412 N Macdonald	Evergreen HD	Alteration	House	4/8/2025
3	ADM25-00266	Administrative	449 E Kimball Ave	Temple HD	New Construction	ADU	5/5/2025
4	ADM25-00317	Administrative	742 N Robson	Evergreen HD	New Construction	Carport	4/30/2025
5	ADM25-00321	Administrative	128 N Wilbur	Glenwood-Wilbur HD	Alteration	Solar Panels	5/20/2025
6	ADM25-00349	Administrative	450 W 2nd Pl	West Side-Clark Addition HD	Alteration	Fence	6/19/2025
7	ADM25-00154	Administrative	260 N Center St	West 2nd St HD	Alteration	Rehabilitation	6/11/2025
8	ADM25-00464	Administrative	435 E Main St	Temple HD	Alteration	Signage	<i>In Progress</i>

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Quarterly Report (Q2 2025)

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.

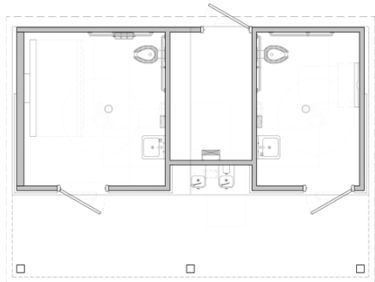
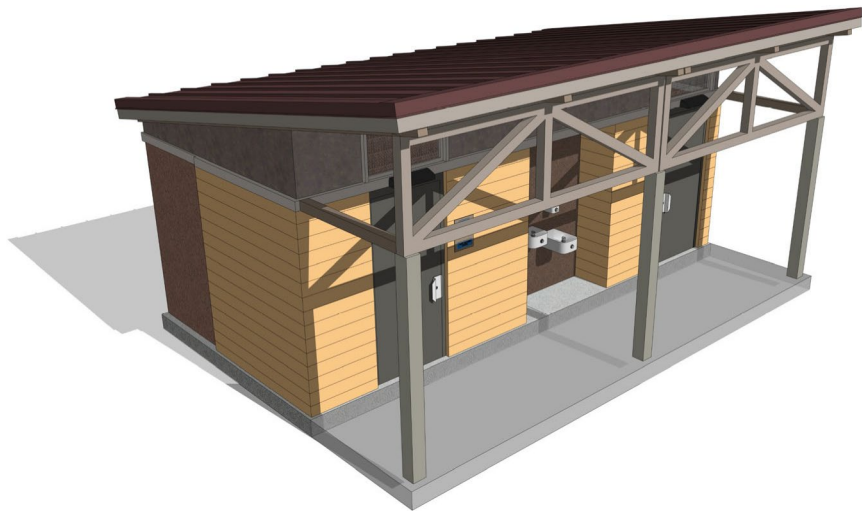
- Create educational programs centered on the history of the Sirrine House and urban farming.
- Offer workshops on topics like sustainable agriculture, cooking with locally grown produce, and floriculture.
- Provide interactive learning experiences for all age groups, from children to adults.



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.



FLOOR PLAN

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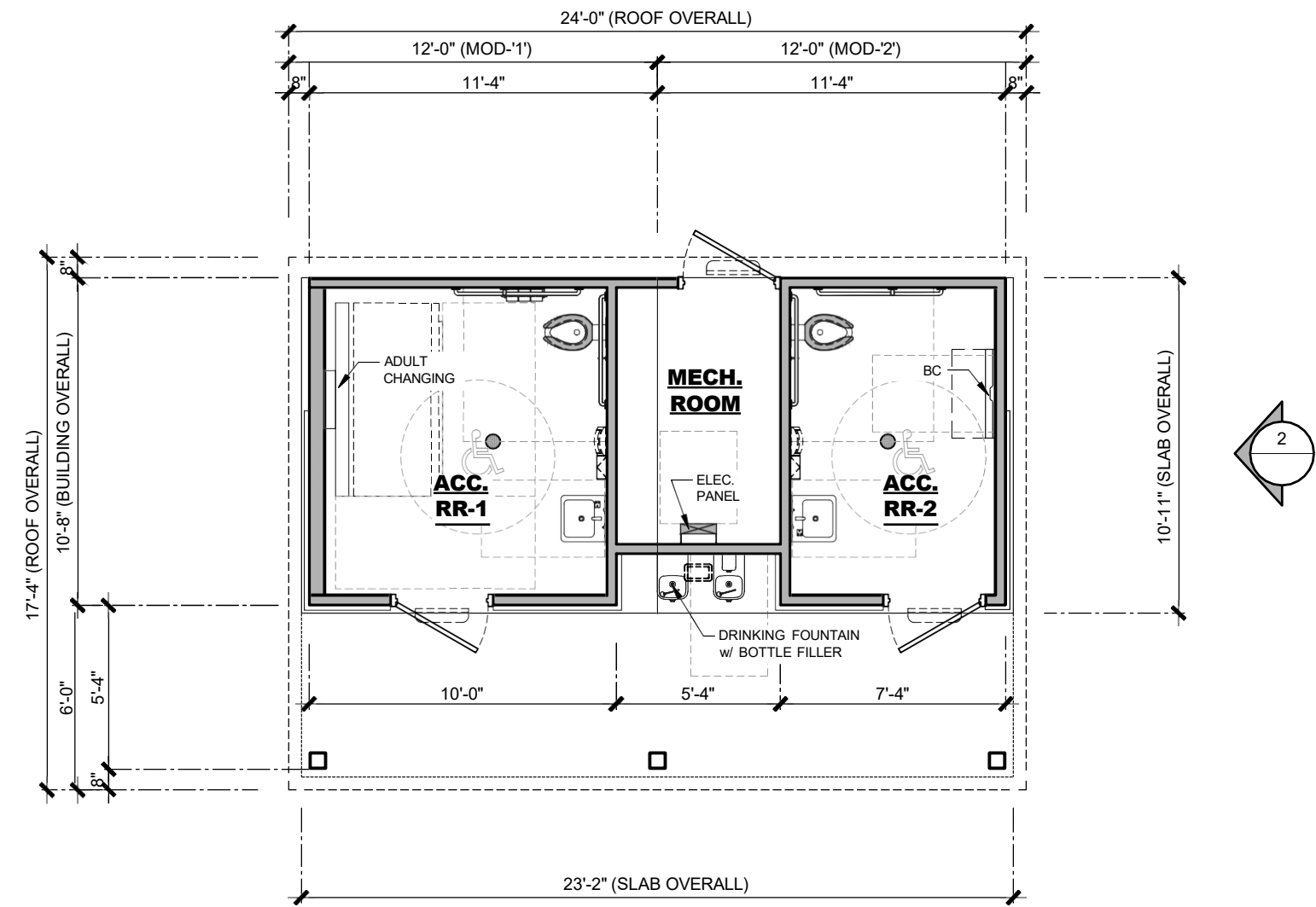
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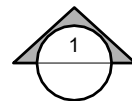
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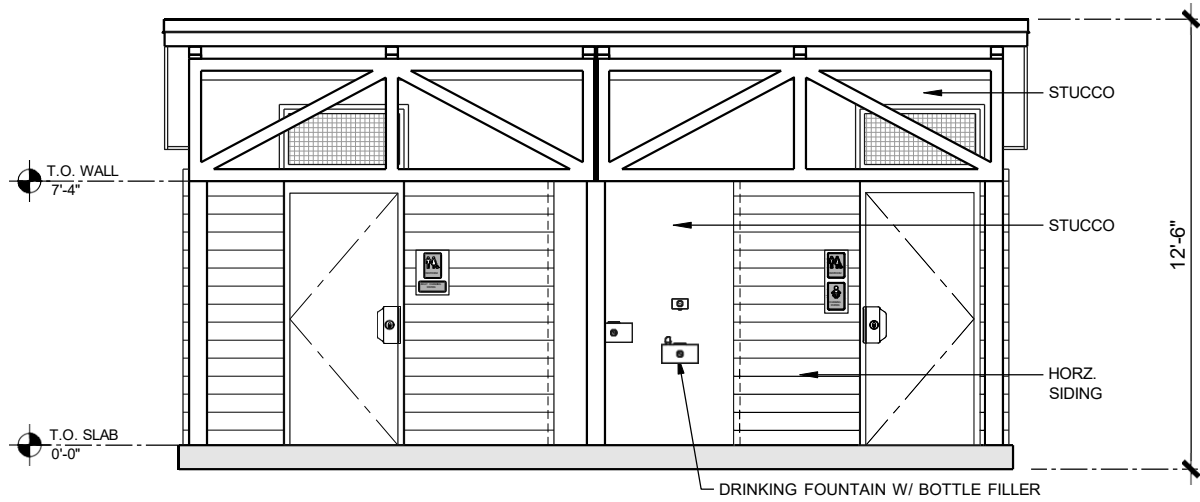
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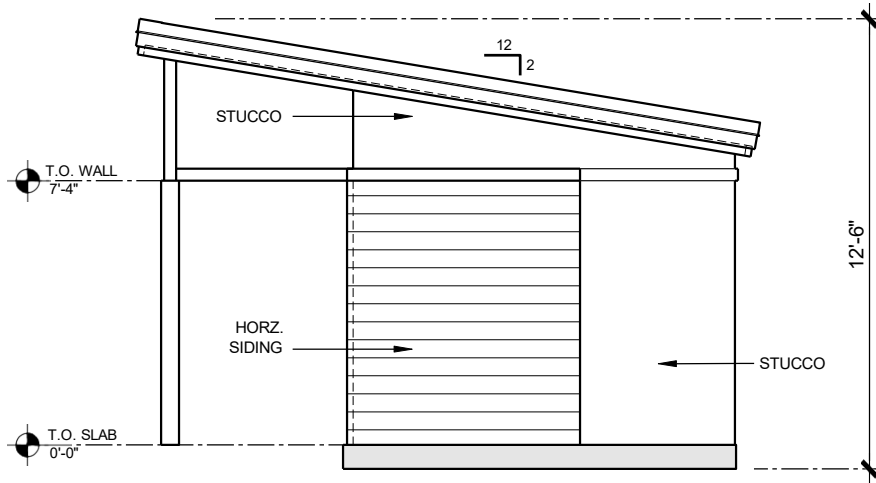
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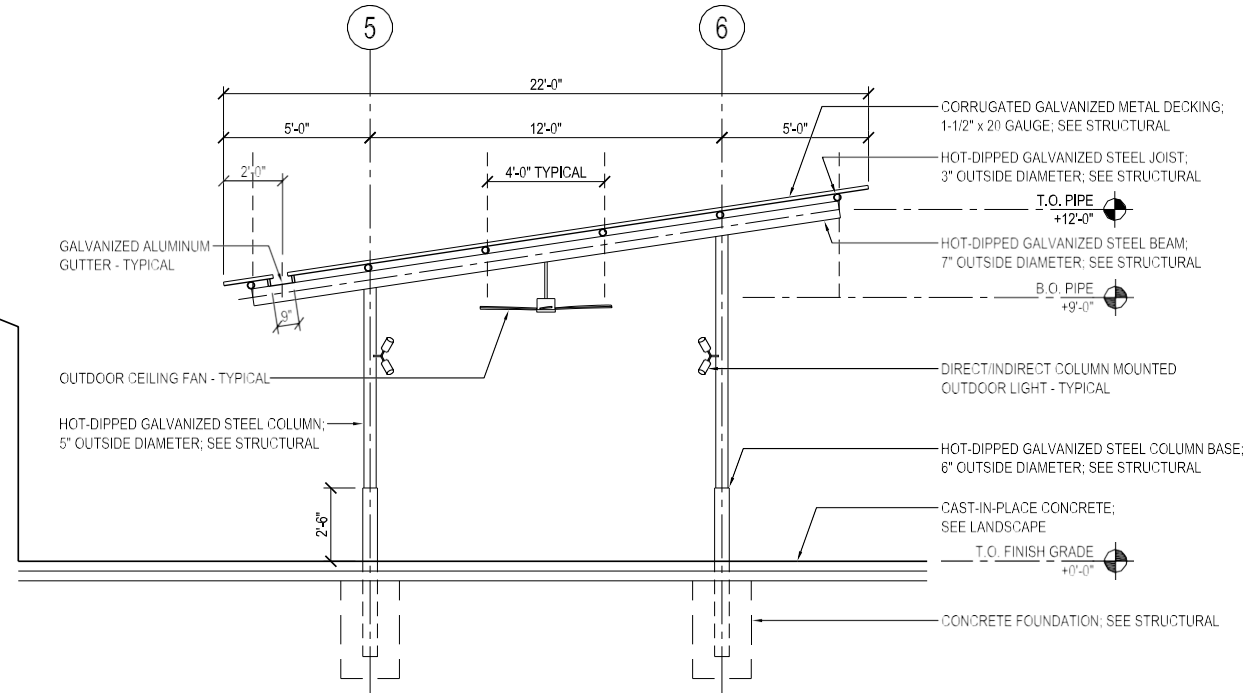
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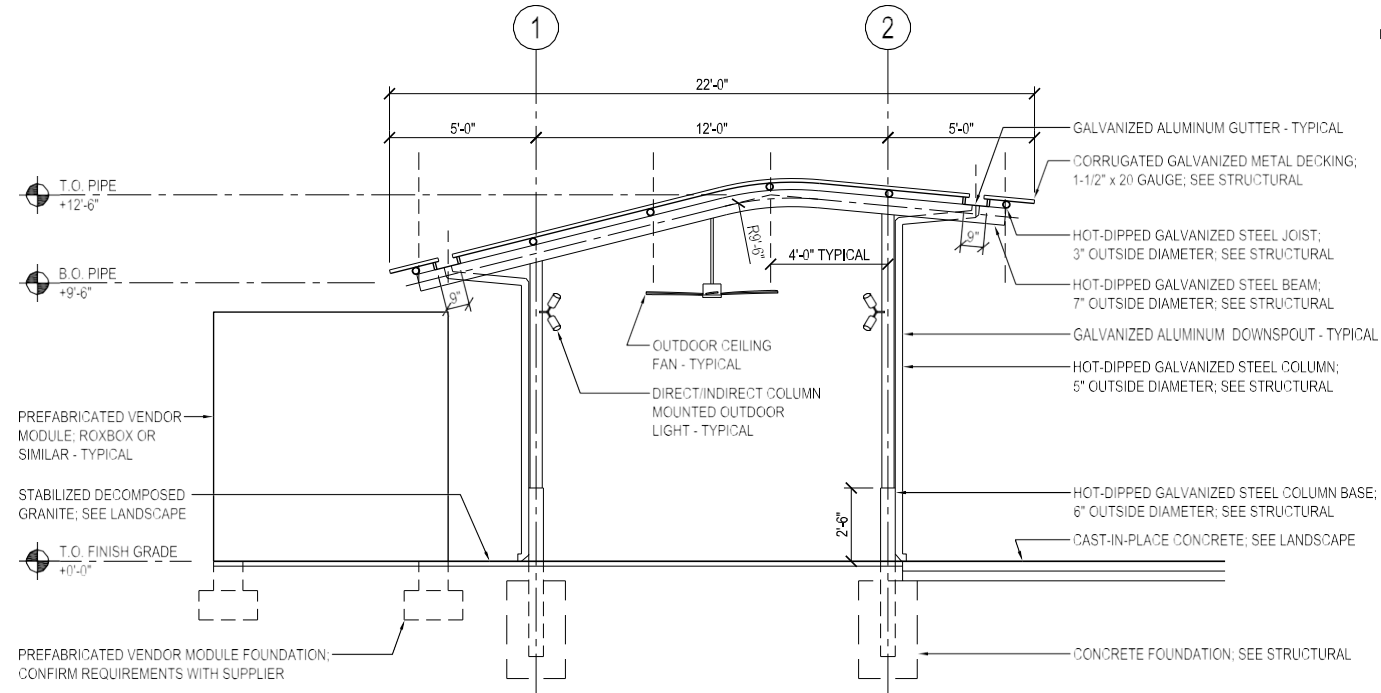
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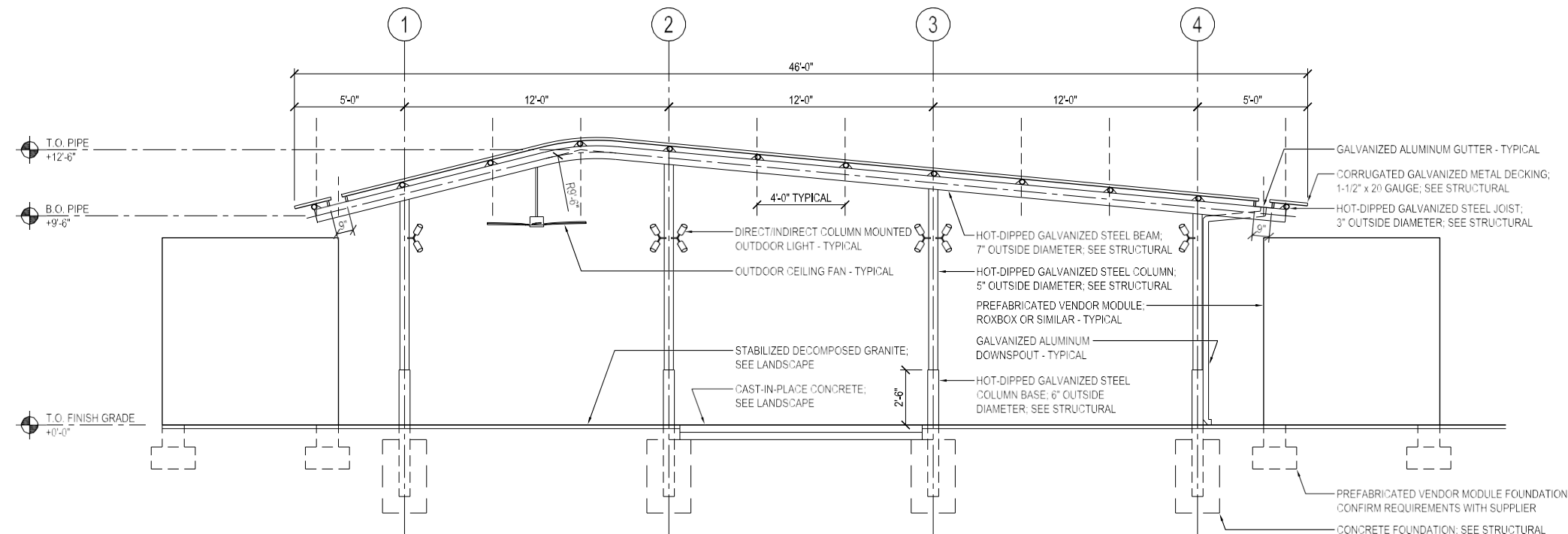
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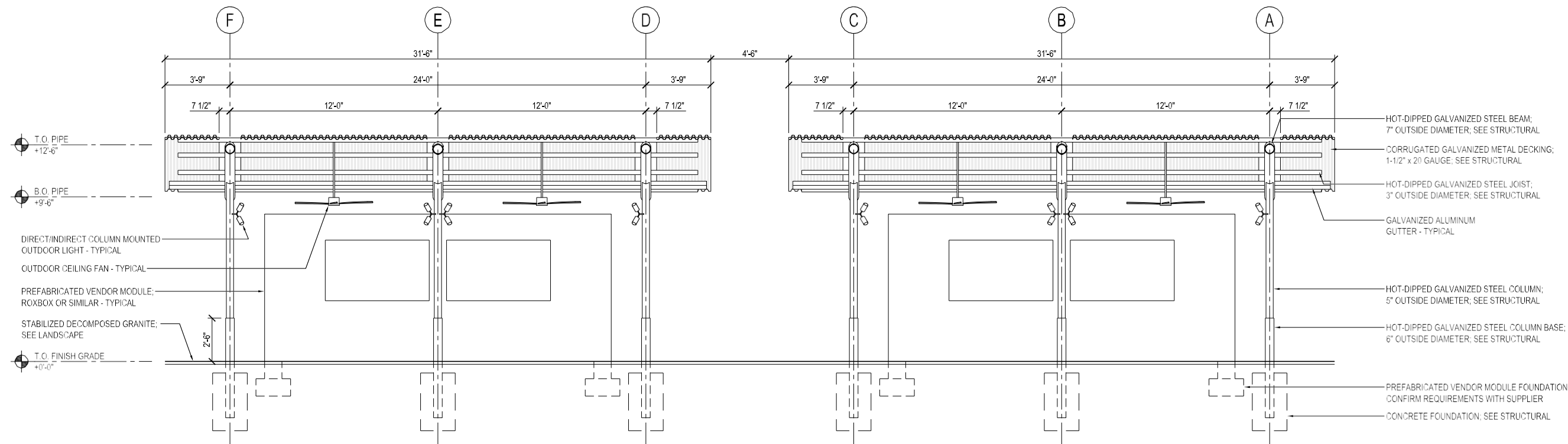
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CITY OF MESA
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

SIRRINE HOUSE
160 N CENTER ST, MESA, AZ 85201

CANOPY
SECTIONS

DRAWING

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ENGINEER:
APPROVED BY:

ACTIVITY: 05/01/2025
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Signage Alternative



 **Branding & Identity:**
The signage will enhance the visibility of the Sirrine House from Center Street while also serving as a branding element that highlights its role as an educational hub.

 **Framing the View:**
The signage will create a visually compelling frame for the Sirrine House, offering an ideal backdrop for photos and enhancing visitor engagement through social media moments.

Signage Alternative



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Mesa Room at the Main Library

Shaney Blackburn-Aguirre

Library Associate • Library Services

Mesa Room

Located in the Main Library's basement and houses a collection of historical and contemporary materials.

- Aid students exploring Mesa-centric subjects
- Assist genealogical researchers seeking family histories
- Help property owners access archival records



The Mesa Room is currently available
by appointment only

Appointments can be made:
Tuesday-Thursday
10:00am -12:00pm, 1:00pm -5:00pm

Historic Preservation Board

Mesa Room at the Main Library

Questions?



Historic Property Research Checklist

Use this checklist to guide your research on historic homes or buildings in the Mesa Room.

- ☐ **Sanborn Maps*** – Check for building layout, material, and address changes (also on LoC site)

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **City Directories*** – Look up past occupants and business listings

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Historic Plat Maps/Aerial Maps** – Review land divisions and early property ownership; track changes

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Newspaper Archives** – Search for property events or sales history

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Photograph Collections** – Find images of the home or neighborhood

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Oral Histories** – Look for interviews with past residents or neighbors

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Subject Files** – Review clippings, pamphlets, and notes on neighborhoods and buildings

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Biography Files** – Research individuals or families connected to the property

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Books** – Local family histories, city histories and architectural surveys

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Digital Access** – library access to Ancestry.com; computer access to helpful databases

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Reference Assistance** – Archivists or librarians can help patrons navigate collections, recommend sources or interpret older documents

 Notes: _____

Outside Resources

- ☐ **Assessor & Tax Records*** (Maricopa County Assessor) – Property value, improvements, ownership changes

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Building Permits** (City of Mesa Development Office) – Original construction, renovations

 Notes: _____

- ☐ **Deeds & Land Records*** (Maricopa County Recorder) – Legal ownership and transfers

 Notes: _____