Agenda Item: 3-a

Historic Preservation Board

Discuss and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the proposed Historic Preservation text amendments to Chapters 23, 44, 66, 74, and 87 of Title 11, Zoning Ordinance, of the Mesa City Code

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Purpose of the Amendments

The proposed amendments are intended to improve the City's Historic Preservation regulations by:

- Improving clarity and organization
- Simplifying and streamlining procedures
- Increasing consistency throughout the ordinance
- Aligning with current state and federal requirements

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Streamlined Historic Preservation Ordinance

Reorganizes Historic Preservation regulations by:

- Consolidating related provisions into a new Chapter 74
- Repealing Chapters 23, 44, and the existing Chapter 74
- Creating one comprehensive chapter covering:
  - Historic Preservation Overlay
  - Certificate of Appropriateness
  - Historically Designated Signs
  - Archaeological Resources
  - Appeals
  - Mesa Historic Property Register

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Improving the Historic Preservation Process

The Amendments:

- Clarify application and review procedures
- Remove redundant and outdated language
- Standardize terminology throughout the ordinance
- Reference the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and City Design Guidelines
- Update public notice and review procedures
- Improve consistency with current zoning processes

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Additional Amendments

The proposed amendments introduce or clarify:

- Supplemental Inventory List
- Duty to Maintain requirements
- Emergency repair procedures
- Clearer demolition review process
- Historically Designated Signs procedures
- Updated Historic Preservation Board procedures
- Historic Preservation definitions

New Archaeological Resource Requirements

The ordinance now includes a dedicated section addressing:

- Archaeological resources on public and private land
- Compliance with applicable state and federal laws
- Resource assessments, when appropriate
- Coordination with SHPO, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, and qualified professionals

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Summary of Amendments

The proposal will:

- Replace three existing Historic Preservation chapters with one comprehensive chapter
- Improve organization and readability
- Clarify existing procedures
- Add archaeological resource provisions
- Update Historic Preservation Board procedures
- Add Historic Preservation definitions

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Public Review Process

Extensive Outreach Included:

- Historic Preservation Board meetings
- Community public meetings
- Consultation with SHPO
- Consultation with SRPMIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- Consultation with GRIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office
- Review by preservation stakeholders

Upcoming Hearings

- Planning & Zoning Board
- City Council

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Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Board provide a recommendation that the City Council adopt the proposed Mesa Zoning Ordinance text amendments (Historic Preservation Procedures).

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Questions & Discussion