PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tempe

MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 13, 2015

Hatton Hall at the Governor Benjamin B. Moeur House Campus
34 E. 7th Street, Tempe, AZ 85281
6:00 PM

Commission Present:
Ira Bennett
Anne Bilsbarrow
Chuck Buss
Andrea Gregory, Chair
Scott Solliday, Vice Chair
Korri Turner

City Staff Present:
Brenda Abney, Tempe History Museum
John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Mark Vinson, FAIA / AICP, City Architect
Billy Kiser, HPO Intern
Daniel Vinson, Intern

Commission Absent:
Charlie Lee
Lauren Proper
Brenda Shears

Public Present:
Joe Nucci

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

1. Call to Audience:

   - No Reply

2. **CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES: 06/11/2015**

Commissioner Solliday moved the Commission to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bilsbarrow and passed with a vote of 6-0.

3. Presentation and Discussion of topic-specific "Character Snapshots" for the Apache and Alameda Character Areas

This agenda item was continued to the September HPC meeting.

4. Presentation on Pedro Escalante House Designation and Subsequent Demolition

   - Overview of demolition history c. 2000-2003
   - House was demolished, but remains listed on the Tempe Historic Property Register
   - No historic buildings exist on the designated parcel, which still carries a special zoning overlay
   - Overview of HPO correspondence c. 2000-2003
   - Escalante House was inadvertently demolished
   - Ownership of property has changed since demolition over a decade ago
   - HPO has invited the current owners to initiate the delisting process; awaiting response

5. Project Updates on Eisendrath House, Hayden House, Hayden Flour Mill, and The Grove

   - Eisendrath rehabilitation proceeds and is nearly done; grand opening planned for November 20-22; management of facility yet to be determined
   - Overview of plans to furnish Eisendrath House interior

- Hayden House project ongoing; developers in frequent contact with HPO
- Tempe Police Department monitoring site to prevent transient occupation and other vandalism risks; sprinklers and alarm system are functional inside the building
- Bob Graham of Motley Design Group assisting with the demolition plan for Phase 1
- Contracting firm is soliciting bids for archaeological monitoring during construction
- Demolition work for Phase 1 to begin on or about November 1, 2015
- Draft Protection Plan expected to be submitted to HPO by end of September 2015
- Phase 2 (involving historic 1873-1924 Hayden House) expected to begin 9-12 months after Phase 1 starts; build-out process anticipated at 2 years
- Q: Can the site be fenced right now to prevent transient trespass? A: Will ask the developers about this; parking lot is still being used and cannot be fenced. Also, fencing may obscure view of site and pose greater risk.
- Hayden Flour Mill development negotiations are ongoing; phase one environmental assessment in process.
- Advisers have been hired to prepare a National Register nomination for Hayden Flour Mill; Federal historic preservation tax credit, if approved, will benefit developer
- HPO is attempting to require local (THPR) listing of the Hayden Flour Mill as a condition of the development agreement
- The Grove apartment complex proposed for 1000 E. Apache; northeast portion of this parcel is located within La Plaza Tempe and is considered archaeologically sensitive.
- Southard met with developer's attorney and SRP-MIC representatives to discuss archaeological monitoring; developer willingly complied and has already contracted with ACS.

6. HPO Intern Program Updates

- Introduction of new interns Danny Vinson and Cerelia Torres; overview of current projects.
- Overview of current projects; digitizing Community Development Department archives in anticipation of upcoming development projects

7. Chair / Staff Updates

- HSRC met on July 24 and approved NRNs for Date Palm Manor and Tomlinson Estates, both of which have been submitted to the Keeper of the National Register.
- St. Mary's Church: Roof shingles are being replaced.
- Overview of Section 106 requests and responses
- HPO mailed approximately 200 letters to owners of NR-listed properties, notifying them of property tax reclassification program and benefits. To date, 11 additional property owners have enrolled in property tax reclassification.
- Oerview of meetings with ASU's Dr. Patti Olsen
- Overview of proposed re-lining of Kirkland-McKinney Ditch by SRP and U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Arizona Public Service has temporarily delayed work on the Ocotillo Power Plant
- HPO awaiting approval of grant application for access to AZSite
- City Council approved Nucci-Lindstrom House (1220 South Maple) for listing on the THPR.
- Apache Character Area: Residents voted historic preservation as highest priority

Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Billy Kiser, HPO Intern

Reviewed by: John Larsen Southard, Senior Planner / Historic Preservation Officer

Andrea Gregory

Andrea Gregory, Chair