MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
December 8th, 2016

Hatton Hall
34 E 7th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

6:05 PM

Commission Present:
Andrea Gregory, Chair
Chuck Buss, Vice-Chair
Matthew Bilsbarrow
Joe Nucci
Lauren Proper
Korri Turner

Commission Absent:
Scott Sollday
Sara Ferland
Jim Garrison

City Staff Present:
John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Hunter Hansen
Robbie Aaron
John Horan, Intern
Brenda Abney, Museum Manager

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Call to Audience:  No response

2. Approval of November 10th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   • There were no amendments to the minutes

   Commissioner Nucci moved the Commission approve the November 10th, 2016 minutes. The motion
   was seconded by Commissioner Bilsbarrow and passed with a vote of 6-0.

3. Tempe Streetcar Update – Eric Iwerson, Principal Planner, City of Tempe
   • Eric Iwerson gave brief overview and update of the following with regard Tempe Streetcar:
     o Vehicle design and construction
     o Public Art
     o Streetcar route design and construction
     o Partnerships with Downtown businesses during construction
     o Public outreach
     o Upcoming discussions on fares and branding for the Tempe Streetcar
   • Chair Gregory asked about the relationship between ridership, demand, and length of the streetcar
     vehicle
   • Chair Gregory asked about consultation with the Tribes
     o Eric Iwerson stated that monitoring will be done and that no additional right-of-way along Rio
       Salado at the base of Hayden Butte will be needed for the current alignment
   • Commissioner Bilsbarrow asked about streetcar maintenance
     o Eric Iwerson stated that the vehicles will be maintained at the current Valley Metro facility off
       48th Street and Washington
   • Karen Gittis asked about potential solutions for the Mill Ave./ Apache Blvd. curve
     o Eric Iwerson discussed possible solutions for the area, however he also stated it will ultimately
be decided during the design phase of the project.

- Brenda Abney asks about Character Area 3 integration
- Commissioner Buss asks about integrating fares with the existing transit system
- Commissioner Nucci asks about the free youth transit pass

4. Fifth Street Streetscape Project (Farmer to College) Update – Eric Iwersen, Principal Planner, City of Tempe
   - Eric Iwersen gives a general overview and update of the Fifth Streetscape Project including history, design goals and possibilities, and the project timeline
   - Commissioner Bilbrough commented that the bricks on Mill Ave are not of historic significance and that they provide a false sense of history. He also mentioned that he thought a different material be chosen for the sidewalk that we would be "proud of" 50 years from now.
   - John Southard asked about ground disturbing activity that will take place during the project
     - Eric Iwersen stated that any ground disturbing activity that will take place will mostly to plant new trees
   - Commissioner Nucci speaks about the bricks on Mill Avenue. He mentioned that it was done when the Pope was coming to Tempe; however the incentive to do it was a placemaking effort with the use of HUD funds.
   - Commissioner Turner spoke to the longevity of materials and landscaping for the project
   - Commissioner Nucci mentioned that the Heat Island Effect should be taken in to consideration, specifically in downtown.

5. Review and Possible Approval of Tomlinson Estates Design Guidelines
   - John Southard discussed the process of how the Design Guidelines came to fruition including the public involvement process and the foundation of the guidelines
   - Commissioner Buss went in to further details about the creation of the design guidelines and mentioned that a majority of the photos used were either from the Soliday report on post-war subdivisions or taken by himself
   - John Southard asked the Commission for feedback and possible approval
   - Commissioner Nucci spoke about the reasons we have design guidelines and how they are a tool used to determine how change will occur within the area
   - Commissioner Bilbrough mentioned solar panel installation
     - John Southard mentions January agenda item on solar panels
     - Commissioner Buss discussed ideas about installing solar panels within the district and how they could do it within the guidelines
     - Commissioner Bilbrough suggested adding solutions to the guidelines such as using solar shingles
   - Commissioner Nucci reminded the Commission that the placement of solar panels and other exterior modifications to a contributing property are based on the Secretary of Interior standards
   - Commissioner Nucci spoke to the character of flood irrigation in the neighborhood

Commissioner Nucci moved the Commission approve the Tomlinson Estates Design Guidelines with suggested edits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Proper-Potter and passed with a vote of 6-0.

6. Kirkland-McKinney Ditch Update
   - John Southard provided the Commission with and update on the lining of the Kirkland-McKinney ditch in order to prevent further erosion over time
   - John Southard discussed the home that was built on the corner of 8th Street and Una and the large tree that gets its water supply from the ditch. He stated that a 50 foot French drain was being installed during the lining process in order to ensure the tree receives adequate water
   - John reminded the Commission that while the ditch is listed on the Local Register that the project did
not need HPC review due to the agreement in place with SRP. Also stated that SRP and the Bureau of Reclamation took the message the HPC sent them in to consider:

- John spoke about the process SRP was using to reshape the ditch and mentioned that they brought in all new fill to complete the process as to avoid any disturbance.
- Chair Gregory mentioned the removal of the reeds by the homeowner at 8th Street and Una. She asked if the removal was a result of erosion.

7. Review and Possible Action on Naming and Selection Criteria for Historic Preservation Award(s)

- John Southard announced the date of the Neighborhood awards ceremony and gave an idea of the timeline for selecting award winner(s).
- Commissioner Proper-Potter spoke to the next steps. She suggested holding a one hour meeting to discuss the following:
  - Award Categories
  - Nomination(s)
  - Winner(s)
- Commission asks about whether or not there would need to be a quorum.
  - John Southard states a quorum would be necessary if a decision was being made.
- Commission came to a consensus to have John Southard establish a time for the one hour meeting to take place.

8. Chair / Staff Updates

- Chair Gregory announced the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation Party taking place at Casey Moore’s.
- John Southard updated the Commission on the Hayden Flour Mill Redevelopment project.
- John Southard updated the Commission on the Hayden Butte Power Line project.
- John Southard updated the Commission on the 8th Street Streetscape project timeline and archaeology.
- John Southard updated the Commission on the status of the Tempe (Hayden) Butte Water Tank Rehabilitation project.
- John Southard informed the Commission that there would be a submission for a supplemental budget request for a Historic Preservation Plan.
- John Southard informed the Commission that the pear trees on 5th Street in front of City Hall would be replaced.
- John Southard informed the Commission that the Annual Report had been submitted to the City Clerk.

9. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Andrea Gregory, Chair