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Tempe Historic Preservation Commission [Tempe HPC]

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 12, 2009
Location:	Hatton Hall 34 East Seventh Street
Commissioners Present:	Bob Gasser Ann Patterson Liz Wilson
Alternates Present:	Charlie Lee
Staff Present:	Amy Douglass, E Hunter Hansen, Matt Hess Joe Nucci, Mark Vinson
Public Present:	Bob Gray, Vic Linoff, David Lucier, Brad Wilde
Call to Order:	6:00 PM, Bob Gasser, Chair

1. **Call to Audience**
   - No public comments

2. **Approval of HPC Meeting Minutes** 01/08/09 Tempe HPC meeting
   MOTION: *TO APPROVE THE* 01/108/09 *MINUTES WITH ONE CORRECTION [AP], SECOND [LW];* ***APPROVED*** *4-0.*

3. **Update on Veterans' Memorial / Ash Avenue Bridge Abutment + Approach**
   Brad Wilde, Mayor's ad hoc Veterans' Memorial Committee

   David Lucier, Tempe Veteran's Foundation involved in 3 projects:
   - Ash Ave / Abutment project now called 'Veteran's Memorial in Tempe';
   - 'Boots for Our Troops' fundraiser for Veteran's service organizations in Arizona for programs and families; PTSD, homeless Veterans; and
   - 911 Memorial – 'The Healing Fields' at Tempe Beach Park.
   - Sustainability of projects is a major concern for the Mayor, now no-longer a one [1] person effort – all are group / committee efforts.
   - 3-year time frame for 'Veteran's Memorial in Tempe' – in time for Veteran's Day 2011

   Brad Wilde, President of Tempe Veteran's Foundation
   - Background: Wilde has been in Tempe for 15 years, developed Tempe Marketplace – currently working on Phase II, Playa del Norte
   - Recruited by Mayor to bring all existing ideas together + project to fruition; included 7-8 years of work by numerous people
   - Within the past 12 months, working to implement / approve a plan; working with Greey / Pickett Landscape Architect / Community Design to develop preliminary concepts
   - Ash Avenue Bridge Abutment as template for project – oldest remaining section of roadway in Tempe, maybe Arizona
   - Visitors' Center – excavate into embankment to place utilities into area, manned by TCVB as info center for the park on ground-level

- Veteran's Memorial in Tempe – honor all 5 branches of the military service vs. specific conflicts; use approach starting at Rio Salado Parkway as promenade lined with trees and 4 x 8' sections of rusted steel
- PART ONE: Rusted steel panels on west side used as fundraising items, silhouette of military figures throughout the years to cast light and shadow along approach; east side trees and benches for contemplative / meditative area[s]
- PART TWO: Semi-circular staircase to lower area with 'Court of Service' containing 5-point star, 5 stones or perhaps a water feature or eternal flame
- Once we have consensus on concept plan, we can work with Landscape Architect to confirm integrity of structure / engineering
- Plan to break project into component pieces for fundraising
- Target date is Veteran's Day 2010 to coincide with former Councilmember Hut Hutson's commitment with portable Vietnam Veteran's Wall
- *C: Keeping the Veteran's Memorial component physically apart from historic abutment structure is a welcome design solution helps lower impact to historic resource*
- *C: General composition honors Veterans and historic structure*
- On north side of Town Lake two original lamp posts exist and 6 or 7 of the original lights from the Ash Avenue Bridge are in storage at the Tempe Historical Museum, which will be refurbished
- Historic interpretation for bridge is needed – how do we tell the story? On approach / promenade? On signage? In Visitors' Center?; need to aggregate all data and collectively work through design to tell the story
- ADA concerns / design should not be exhausting; should be accessible
- Roadway's ability to communicate significance as an approach is important
- Intent is to open up areas, including retaining wall areas to east and west of abutment
- Will start with a backhoe to do due diligence with intermediate excavation
- Four bridges exist[ed] in this areas from 1912 to 2008, connectivity / linking linear edges significant
- *Q: Flood issues?* A: 100-year flood is the current Rio Salado channel [Town Lake]; 500-year flood covers 2/3rd of Tempe Beach Park
- *Q: Stone materials?* A: Design firm hired to do overview of entire site; just a concept at this point; needs to be fleshed out. Perhaps materials from home locations of each of the five branches of military service
- Scale of stone addresses safety / sacred concerns
- *Q: Transportation theme?* A: Competing notions – the intent is to bring together interests; concerned about the road = oldest paved road existing in AZ [1910s]
- Three [3] design components: 1.] Veteran's Memorial, 2.] Visitors' Center, and 3.] roadway / approach; Cindy and John McCain have expressed initial nod of support; deep and broad-based emotional appeal with associated meaning
- HPC has had the first presentation
- *Q: Concrete Bankhead Highway existing condition?* A: pressure grouting, caulking, and other labor-intensive repairs done as a Tempe CIP Project 2+ years ago
- *C: A constant / consistent surface for roadway is ideal vs. multiple surfaces / finished treatments*

CONSENSUS TO SUPPORT DESIGN CONCEPT WITH ADDITION OF HISTORIC INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS

4. Discuss and Consider Commission Goals for the Designation of Individual Properties

Discuss Bob Gray research into historically significant residents of the Maple Ash Neighborhood

- Criteria B – Association with individual person[s] consideration
- Review of neighborhood resident Bob Gray's printed PowerPoint presentation
- Difficult to tie a person's life to one property
- Perhaps HPC / Staff should approach individual property owners
- Bob Gray: project started when researching his own house through old city directories, Tempe Historical Museum's website, PHX Library, ASU Library, etc.
- HP Foundation – pulled info for Maple-Ash so addresses could be tied to specific individuals
- Fed Pass-thru grant match commitment made at City staff level for the 249 pre-1940 properties believed to still exist in Tempe.
- *Q: Simply classifying properties as "HE" [Historic Eligible]?* A: Goal is to get more properties in Maple-Ash listed to THPR.

CONSENSUS TO STUDY THIS ISSUE FURTHER WITH ADDRESSES AND DATES PEOPLE LIVED IN HOMES, THEN EXAMINE INTEGRITY AND APPROACH PROPERTY OWNERS WITH LETTERS REQUESTING DESIGNATION.

5. Discuss and Consider Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation Interaction w/ Tempe HPC
Update on HPC informational materials and participation in Foundation Fundraiser on 04/18/08
- April 18, 2009 at Tempe Mission Palms, 7PM, $75 / person fundraiser for Tempe Preservation Foundation
- Cross-pollinate / market with neighborhoods, HP Society, etc.

CONSENSUS TO REVISE ENDANGERED CULTURAL RESOURCES POSTER WITH MINOR GRAPHIC REVISIONS

6. Discuss and Consider TE&CD Council Committee work plan
Identify and prioritize recommendations for preservation incentives for bond or direct funding
– *AGENDA ITEM CONTINUED TO MARCH MEETING.*

7. Discuss and Consider HPC Actions at Ad Hoc and Council Committees
- ~~Killoren update Technology, Economic & Community Development CC on 01/13/09~~
- Patterson update Sports, Recreation, Arts & Cultural Development CC on 01/14 & 02/11/2009 – date changed
- ~~Marshak update Education Partnerships CC on 01/19/2009~~
- ~~Melcher update Quality of Life Working Committee on 01/22/2009~~
- ~~Esquer update Transportation CC on 01/27/2009~~
- ~~Killoren update Mill & Lake District Working Committee on 02/11/2009~~
- Patterson update Community Sustainability Working Committee on 02/11/2009 – put in touch with lead staff
- Gasser update Papago Salado Association - $500K contract awarded for Masterplan for Papago Park from SRP-MIC, City of Phoenix and City of Tempe.

- *INFORMATION ONLY*

8. Discuss and Consider Chair / Staff Updates:
- Roosevelt Addition Historic District NRN & Design Guidelines – NRN submitted to SHPO
- Design Guidelines due at HPO on 02/18 for inclusion on March agenda
- Wilkie [Braun/Gutierres] House designation & listing @ CC 01/22/2009 – 1st post=prop 207 property; good press
- Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in the vicinity of Tempe Woman's Club – no application received for Birchett Park

- *INFORMATION ONLY*

9. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items
- Member Announcements – Commissioner Mike Deskin has resigned
- Staff Announcements – staff will work with Mayor's office to ensure HPC maintains Commission / vacancy ordinance req's
- Next Meeting Date Thursday, 03/12/2009 6:00 p.m. Hatton Hall
  - ZDC 6-402 Neighborhood Meeting Date Palm Manor Historic District – 90% of property owner waivers received
  - ZDC 6-402 Neighborhood Meeting Elliott (Garbinski) House – formal application recently received for THPR listing
  - RAHD Design Guidelines – Don Ryden Presentation

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
Minutes scheduled for Tempe HPC approval on 03/12/2009.

3/12/09

Bob Gasser, Chair

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FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS OR ACRONYMS

CDD – City of Tempe Community Development Department: Established February 15, 2005, by City Manager Will Manley the CDD consists of six divisions; Economic Development, Housing Services, Redevelopment, Neighborhood Enhancement, Rio Salado/Town Lake, and Special Projects, as well as the Community Design Studio / City Architect. The Tempe Historic Preservation Office is an agency of the Special Projects Division.

CLG – Certified Local Government: In 1980, Congress established a framework for local preservation programs through an amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act empowering Arizona cities and counties to become Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Once certified, these entities are eligible for specialized assistance and funds for developing their own local preservation programs and entitled to comment on NR and other SHPO activities within their boundaries. The City of Tempe became a CLG in 1995.

DDA – Development & Disposition Agreement: a redevelopment contract between the City and one or more developers or redevelopers specifying terms and conditions for construction or reconstruction.

DSD – City of Tempe Development Services Department: dealing with Building Safety, Land Use, Planning and Zoning

DRC – City of Tempe Development Review Commission: volunteer board advising Mayor and Council on matters related to the built environment and administration of General Plan 2030 and the Zoning and Development Code.

HPAC – Historic Preservation Advisory Committee: Arizona State Parks is governed by the State Parks Board and receives direction and oversight from several advisory committees and groups such as the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

IEBC – International Existing Building Code: adopted by Tempe City Council by Ordinance No. 2005.89 on December 1, 2005, as part of the code body promulgated by the International Code Council, provides means for preservation of existing Tempe building inventory through reasonable and feasible code processes.

IRS – Issue Review Session: informal Mayor and Council public meeting where members of the public may come forward and talk with City Council during the "Call to the Audience" prior to regular Council meetings.

PAD – Planned Area Development: site plan overlay to define development standards for a specific project.

SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office: a division of Arizona State Parks, responsible for the identification, evaluation, and protection of Arizona's prehistoric and historic cultural resources; established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

SRP-MIC – Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: created by Executive Order on June 14, 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is located in Maricopa County, aside the boundaries of Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and metropolitan Phoenix.

Tempe HPC – Tempe Historic Preservation Commission: Created by Ordinance 95.35, adopted November 9, 1995. Members serve three year terms with the exception of the initial appointments; charged with administering the Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance and Plan, as well as advising Mayor / Council on all matters related to historic preservation

Tempe HPF – Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation: A private nonprofit corporation established in 2005, Mission Statement 02.02.06 "The Tempe HPF advocates preserving Tempe's at-risk historic properties and supporting worthy preservation projects through education, community participation, and fundraising."

Tempe HPO – Tempe Historic Preservation Office: Responsible for the identification and conservation of Tempe's prehistoric and historic cultural resources, the Office uses Federal, state, and city funding for the historic preservation program and assists owners of historic properties with grant applications, property maintenance, and preservation activities; provides staff support to the Tempe HPC.

THM – Tempe Historical Museum: Located at 809 E. Southern Avenue in Tempe, the Tempe Historical Museum is a center where the community comes together to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder the future. Permanent and changing exhibits, educational programs, and research projects generally focus on some aspect of Tempe's history within the context of state and national events.

TOD – Tempe Transportation Overlay District: placed to encourage appropriate land development and redevelopment consistent with and complementary to the community's focused investment in transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure in certain geographic areas of the City; typically in association with the light rail.

ZDC – Zoning & Development Code: Adopted by Mayor and Council on January 20, 2005, effective February 22, 2005, the ZDC implements Tempe General Plan 2030 by encouraging creative development of the built environment in order to build a community that promotes the livability and uniqueness of Tempe; establishes zoning districts and development standards.