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Tempe Historic Preservation Commission [Tempe HPC] MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 4th, 2010

Location: Hatton Hall, 34 East Seventh Street

Commissioners

Present:

Ira Bennett
Anne Bilsbarrow
Bob Gasser
Andrea Gregory
Charlie Lee
Trista Taylor
Liz Wilson

Staff Present: Nathan Hallam, William "Billy" Kiser, Joe Nucci, Chris Paternoster, John Southard, Mark Vinson

Public Present: Tyler Bleile, Dylan Curley, Jesse Engelhard, Eric Engelson, Emma Huizar, Christine Kohl, Brandon Lee, Vic Linoff, Clayton Lofgren, Eugene Studnicki, Kyle Walters

Call to Order: 6:00 PM, Bob Gasser, Chair

1. Call to Audience: *NO COMMENT*

2. Approval of HPC Minutes: 10/14/10 Tempe HPC meeting
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 10/14/10 MINUTES AS WRITTEN [AG], SECOND [CL]; APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY, [5-0].

3. Neighborhood Meeting Sandra Day O'Connor House Nomination

Neighborhood Meeting per ZDC\$6-402 for Tempe Historic Property Register listing

- Summary of SDOH.
- Preliminary determination of eligibility has been prepared. Recommended for nomination under National Register Criteria A and B. Staff Summary Report yet to be prepared.
- Public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2010. Nomination scheduled to be reviewed at DRC on December 14, 2010.
- Q: Nomination builds a strong B argument, but not a strong A argument. Would it be more appropriate to submit the property under Criteria A only?
A: Staff originally considered the property to be eligible under Criteria A, B, and C. However, after HPC objection to C due to the relocation of the property, it was decided to pursue the nomination under Criteria A and B. However, given its significant association with Justice O'Connor, a nomination based solely upon B criteria is sufficient.
- Q: In Mayor Hallman's letter of nomination, the house is referred to as the "Camp David of the Southwest." What does this mean?
A: Not unlike the Presidential retreat, the Sandra Day O'Connor House is envisioned as a location for collaborative discussion and compromise.
- Q: Who is responsible for maintenance, the Rio Salado Foundation or the city?
A: The Rio Salado Foundation and the SDOH? Hold the lease. However, the city is responsible for maintenance.
- Public comment: Dylan Curley (85259)- "It's a good idea."

4. Discuss and Consider HPC Participation in Tempe HPF Fundraiser

Eisendrath Blues & BBQ Benefit, Friday, October 22, 6:00 p.m.

- 145 tickets sold so far (\$14,500)
- 200 tickets need to be sold to break even; target is at least 225.
- HPC and HPO have 11 members committed to attend and will have a table reserved.
- HPO staff and HPC members are volunteering at the event.
- HPF still needs additional volunteers to work at the event.
- **MOTION: THAT TEMPE HPC MEMBERS PROACTIVELY SUPPORT THE TEMPE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION AND ITS FUNDRAISING EVENT AN EVENING OF BLUES AND BARBECUE BENEFITTING THE ROSE EISENDRATH HOUSE AT THE CARL HAYDEN CAMPUS FOR SUSTAINABILITY [AB], SECOND [AG] APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY, [4-0].**

5. Discuss and Consider HPD Participation in Tales from Double Butte

Lisa Roach, Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation

- HPF working with cemetery board to raise funds for the cemetery and the Tempe History Museum's oral history program.
- Cemetery tours are planned for the inaugural event on October 31 (Halloween).
- Tours will celebrate 13 notable community members buried at Double Butte.
- Guest speakers include Virginia Pyle and Mayor Hugh Hallman.
- Debate on National Register criteria considerations for cemeteries.
Q: Is Double Butte cemetery eligible for the National Register?
A: It may be eligible under Criterion A and C, but cemeteries are rarely accepted on the National Register.
- **CONSENSUS: HPC SUPPORTS THIS EVENT.**

6. Discuss and Consider Program Operating Budget FY 2010-2012

HPO update on Historic Preservation Program Budget & Plan.

- HPO needs an HPC subcommittee to work on the budget.
- Subcommittee should anticipate amount of money needed to take advantage of upcoming preservation opportunities.
- Pascua Yaqui Indian Community denied HPO grant application.
- Thank you letter sent to PYIC for consideration of grant application.
- HPO still awaiting result of GRIC grant application.
- SHPO gave HPO an additional \$10,000 grant with no match required to extend internship program.
- Currently six percent (6%) of this \$10,000 has been expended.
- Budget year is from July 1 to June 30.
- FFY ended September 30. Final accounting and product report submitted to SHPO.
- HPC to hold brainstorm session on important objectives to be addressed in budget. Must provide 24-hour advance notice to the public.
- HPC subcommittee formation continued until November meeting.
- **CONSENSUS: CONTINUE TO NEXT MEETING.**

7. Discuss and Consider Sandra Day O'Connor House Historic Designation

- HPO awaiting initiation of local nomination process by Mayor Hugh Hallman.
- Preliminary research for nomination being done by Billy Kiser.
- SHPO has given their opinion that the O'Connor House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under NPS Criterion A and C at the local level of significance.

8. Discuss and Consider Interns' Ongoing Project Activities

- Tempe Hayden Butte NRN being heard before HSRC on November 5 at Carnegie Library in Phoenix.
- Work on Governor Howard Pyle House NRN is ongoing and nearing completion.
- Hallam working on survey and inventory of 150 historic homes in the Maple-Ash neighborhood; needs to complete surveys for 250 pre-1941 properties.
- Southard has spoken with Phil Amorosi on Hudson Manor nomination. No waivers have been collected yet.
- Hudson Manor holding an event on October 23 to discuss waiver process; a notary will be present at that event.
- Waiver forms need to be delivered to all property owners; the event will not be sufficient to accomplish this.
- E-mail not a legally valid method of distributing waivers.
- Need to create a one-paragraph summary of the "Certificate of No-Effect" to be distributed along with waivers.
- Waiver process should be neighborhood-driven.

9. Discuss and Consider Staff/Chair Updates

- Introduction of new volunteer intern Chris Paternoster.
- HPO has now moved its offices to the garden level of City Hall.
- November issue of *Phoenix Magazine* contains article on Tempe/Hayden Butte NRN.
- Tempe HPO Final Progress Report SHPO.
- Tempe Historic Preservation Intern Program funded through December 2010.
- No response received to ten letters mailed by HPC Chair Bob Gasser.
- Sandra Day O'Connor House received a Crescordia Award from Valley Forward Association.
- Tempe HPO Social Media Project n=1838 <http://www.facebook.com/TempeHPO> .
- Tempe HPF Social Media Project n=844 <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/TempeHPF>
- City council appointed Trista Taylor to the commission on October 7 to serve as an alternate member.
- Anne Bilsbarrow changed from an alternate member to regular member status.

10. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Frazier Field and Clark Addition in Mesa, AZ are now listed on the National Register.
- City of Mesa attempting to implement a historic preservation office and revive alliance other local preservation commissions.
- Heritage Fund permanently eliminated.
- Next HPC Meeting Date Thursday 11/04/2010 6:00 p.m. at Hatton Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

Minutes scheduled for Tempe HPC approval 11/04/2010

Bob Gasser, Chair

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.