



Tempe Historic Preservation Commission [Tempe HPC]

MEETING MINUTES

Date: THURSDAY, October 13, 2011

Location: Hatton Hall 34 East Seventh Street

Commissioners Present: Ira Bennett
Anne Bilsbarrow
April Bojorquez
Brad Graham
Andrea Gregory
Charlie Lee
Korri Turner

TEMPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Ira Bennett, Alternate
Anne Bilsbarrow, Chair
April Bojorquez
Brad Graham
Andrea Gregory
Charlie Lee
Korri Turner
Liz Wilson, Vice-Chair
Vacancy

TEMPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Amy Douglass
Nathan Hallam
Wm. "Billy" Kiser
Alyssa Matter
Joe Nucci
Jared Smith
Mark Vinson

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Staff Present: Nathan Hallam
Jyme Sue McLaren
Joe Nucci
Jared Smith
Mark Vinson

Public Present: Phil Amorosi
Robert Forest
Gerry Horst
Vic Linoff
Shirley McKean
Patti Olsen

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M., Anne Bilsbarrow, Chair

1. Call to Audience

No Comment

2. Approval of HPC Minutes: 09/08/2011 Tempe HPC meeting

Minutes were amended as follows prior to approval:

- Bilsbarrow: item #8, change "no" to "on."

MOTION: [BENNETT] TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 09/08/2011
TEMPE HPC MEETING AS AMENDED ABOVE. SECOND: [GRAHAM].
APPROVED: 7-0

3. Discuss & Consider Modern Streetcar Project

- Forest: Environmental assessment under review; all historic properties identified; no adverse effects.
- Bilsbarrow: what about wires?
- Forest: Still looking at options; will not anchor to historic properties. Also, no archaeological surveys scheduled, but monitoring at four or more feet.
- Gregory: Is four feet enough?
- Forest: According to SHPO it is.
- Graham: Any new properties to be added?
- Forest: No we looked at everything post-1968.

4. Discuss & Consider Arizona State University Preservation Issues

Patti Olsen discusses new and ongoing projects at Arizona State University with potential effects on buildings 50 years or older, including in-kind window replacements at the University Club, a 1909 building.

- Nucci: Is master planning underway at ASU?
- Olsen: Yes, it is finished.
- Bennett: Are you involved with solar paneling?
- Olsen: Yes, with respect to buildings 50 years or older.

5. Discuss and Consider Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation Activities

Nucci: Woody Wilson could not be here tonight; but I can report that planning for the walk-through history program is underway, so are new Tempe-register building plaques.

6. Discuss & Consider Borden Homes Historic District Guidelines

Nucci: Our representative from Borden Homes could not be here tonight.

7. Discuss & Consider Hudson Manor Historic District Designation

- Nucci: Did you get my mock-waiver mailer?
- Amorosi: No
- Nucci: Perhaps this speaks to the effectiveness of the waiver-mailing project; we are trying to present these waivers in a not-so-coldly-bureaucratic way—with inconclusive results to this point. Though I would like to say that HPO appeared at the Hudson Manor game night with an in-house notary service that yielded success. There is another GAIN night on October 22, will a commissioner agree to attend?
- Bojorquez: I will.
Nucci then reviewed the many arguments in favor of historic district designation.
- Amorosi: One homeowner asked about federal income tax credits.
- Nucci: Those are available to income-producing properties. Is Tim Wright on board with the district designation?
- Amorosi: Maybe. So is the waiver-mailing project going to happen?
- Nucci: No, I am not confident in the effectiveness of waiver-mailings; HPO also has limited financial resources.

8. Discuss and Consider HPC Outreach for Designating and Listing Eligible Properties

- Bojorquez: I made fliers more accessible with a question-and-answer format.
- Gregory: Should we have Hayden Mill on the cover?
- Bilsbarrow: Yes.
- Graham: Have we made any progress toward listing Hayden Mills?
- Nucci: No, that is off the table amidst litigation.
- Bennett: On the flier, change “my” to “your”.
- Nucci: Should we keep “protecting Tempe”?
- Bilsbarrow: No let’s find a new slogan.

9. Discuss and Consider HPC Vacancy for Alternate Member (professional)

- Nucci: Liz Wilson has resigned from the HPC.
- Bennett: That means we need a new Vice-Chair. I nominate Andrea Gregory.
- Bilsbarrow: I second.

MOTION – “THAT ANDREA GREGORY REPLACE COMMISSIONER LIZ WILSON, RESIGNED, AS TEMPE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION VICE-CHAIR, 7-0.

- Turner: Are there now two openings?
- Bilsbarrow: Yes.
- Gregory: I mentioned it to a Hudson manor resident who may be interested.
- Linoff: Gasser must wait one year from the end of his previous term before he can serve again.
- Nucci: Recruitment is closed - we have many applicants, but only four qualified professionals.

10. Discuss and Consider Historic Preservation Graduate Intern Program

- Hallam: Billy Kiser is in Oakland, CA giving a paper titled "Navajo Pawn Study and Petrified Forest National Park Historic Resource Study" to the Western History Association.
- Billy's book titled "Turmoil on the Rio Grande" has been published by the Texas A & M Press and is available for purchase online (circulates copy for examination by members)
- Hallam: I have finished pre-1941 survey of Maple-Ash and beginning work on Kirkland-McKinney Ditch National Register Nomination; Kiser has finished Moeur House National Register Nomination; Matter is beginning work on Tempe City Hall National Register Nomination.
- Gregory: Moeur House nomination form should address the house's proximity to ASU and downtown. Also, what was going on at the house while Moeur was Governor?

11. Discuss and Consider Chair/Staff Updates

- Nucci: Mayor has asked us to list Tempe City Hall and Double Butte Cemetery on the Tempe Register. Also please note that next month's HPC meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of the month.

12. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Vinson: Eisendrath House nearly has its building permit; ADA compliance is underway; work has progressed as far as possible in the meantime.
- Tuner: Will we have another fundraiser and barbeque?
- Vinson: Nothing is planned; there is probably too much construction for that. The project completion date is now June 30.
- Nucci: the Harris and McGinnis houses are now listed. Barnes (Conway) House meeting is upcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

Anne Bilsbarrow, Chair

-minutes scheduled for HPC approval on 11/03/2011

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.

GRIC – Gila River Indian Community: is an alliance of two tribes, the Akimel O'odham (Pima) and the Pee Posh (Maricopa). Established by Executive Order in 1859, the Community covers more than 600 square miles and is the largest indigenous community in the Phoenix metropolitan area. GRIC helps make the Tempe Preservation Graduate Student Intern Program possible through a generous grant of State-Shared Revenue funds.

HPF – (see Tempe HPF) Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation

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.

NPS – National Park Service: the City of Tempe is a Certified Local Government through an inter-governmental agreement with the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office.

NRN – National Register Nomination: An application to list a property on the National Register of Historic Places is reviewed by the SHPO and then by the Arizona Historic Sites Review Committee (Sites) before formal application is made to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington DC.

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 Foundation 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.