Tempe Historic Preservation Commission [Tempe HPC]

MEETING MINUTES

Date: **THURSDAY, February 14, 2013**

Location: Hatton Hall 34 East Seventh Street

Commissioners Present: Ira Bennett, Anne Bilsbarrow, Brad Graham, Andrea Gregory, Charlie Lee, Lauren Proper, Brenda Shears, Scott Solliday, Korri Turner

Staff Present: Alyssa Gerszewski, Nathan Hallam, Billy Kiser, Joe Nucci, Mark Vinson

Public Present: Patti Olson

Call to Order: 6:00 P.M., Andrea Gregory, Chair

1. Call to Audience NO REPLY

2. Approval of HPC Minutes 01/11/2013 Tempe HPC meeting

MOTION [BENNETT]: MOVE TO APPROVE TEMPE HPC MEETING MINUTES FROM 01/11/2013 AS AMENDED, SECOND [BILSBARROW], APPROVED, 9-0

3. Public Hearing Historic Eligible Classification

Gregory: Reads public hearing statement for historic eligible classification of the Harrington-Birchett House (1931), Chavez House (1910), Cummins House (1909), Diefenderfer House (1939), Godbold House, (Scudder House (1939), and Spear House (1893).
Nucci: Summarizes the request and discusses action to be taken.
Nucci: States the need to classify HE based on rarity of properties despite compromised integrity.
Bennett: Notes that construction is underway at the Godbold House.
Nucci: Suggests continuing classification of Godbold House to see how construction effects integrity.
Olson: Discusses Harrington-Birchett House on behalf of Arizona State University. ASU feels that the City of Tempe doesn't have jurisdiction on this parcel of land, but will comply with state preservation legislation.
Nucci: Recommends continuing classification of Harrington-Birchett House to determine jurisdiction of the Joint Review Committee.

MOTION [BENNETT]: TEMPE HPC WILL CONTINUE CLASSIFICATION OF HARRINGTON-BIRCHETT HOUSE AND GODBOLD HOUSE TO MEETING ON MARCH 14, 2013, SECOND [SOLLIDAY], APPROVED, 9-0.

Olson: Shares news of rehabilitation of Harrington-Birchett House and potential uses.

MOTION [BILSBARROW]: MOVE TO CLASSIFY CHAVEZ HOUSE, DIFENDERFER HOUSE, CUMMINS HOUSE, SCUDDER HOUSE, AND SPEAR HOUSE AS HISTORIC ELIGIBLE, SECOND [GRAHAM], APPROVED 9-0.

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4. Discuss & Consider Properties Proposed for HE Classification on March 14, 2013

Hallam: Summarizes new properties to classify historic eligible. The Bell House (1915), the Guthrie House (1922), the Dines-Hight House (1889), the Bauer House (1934), the Miller House (1941), the Burket House (1945?) will be discussed at March meeting.
Nucci: Reiterates Shears request for historic contexts and maps for historic eligible properties.
Hallam: Shows National Register of Historic Places Criteria for Evaluation chart.

5. Discuss & Consider Tempe General Plan 2040 Update

Nucci: Announces Citizen Work Group for Neighborhood and Historic Preservation components of general plan on February 27, 2013.
Nucci: Summarizes emerging trends in community feedback regarding preservation from previous community meetings.

6. Discuss & Consider Graduate Student Intern Program

Nucci: Additional Federal HP Pass-through funding has been provided by SHPO.
Nucci: Application to Gila River Indian Community for State Shared Revenue grant will be made pending Council Resolution on 03/07/2013.
Nucci: HPO has been invited by SHPO to apply for a new FFY2013 Federal HP Pass-through grant to extend program funding beyond Summer Semester.
Nucci: Tempe will sponsor the Arizona Historic Preservation Conference this summer.
Gerszewski: NRN for Moeur Park on the HRSC agenda for March meeting.
Hallam: Conducting Tempe Daily News research with Gerszewski for 1958-1978 historic subdivision context. Shows GIS map with attached postcard and advertisements.
Shears and Graham: Request color-coded map displaying new historic eligible properties.
Kiser: Anticipates feedback from Keeper of National Register soon for Double Butte Cemetery NRN. Working on Tempe City Hall nomination comments from November HSRC meeting.

7. Call for Topics for the Valley Commission Coalition

Gregory: Will attend VCC meeting with Bennett on February 19, 2013.
Turner: What are the challenges other commissions face and how is it handled?
Nucci: Are any other municipalities dealing with land-use planning?

8. Discuss & Consider Chair / Staff Updates

Nucci: Shares news of meeting at Lakes Women's Club with Gregory on February 8, 2013.

9. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

Next HPC Meeting Date Thursday 03/14/2013 6:00 p.m. at Hatton Hall, 34 E 7th Street

Adjourn 7:20 PM

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Andrea Gregory, Chair
minutes scheduled for HPC approval on 03/14/2012

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
- HSRC – (Arizona) Historic Sites Review Committee: Arizona's official Arizona and National Register of Historic Places review board. The HSRC meets three times during the year to review National Register nominations and advise the State Historic Preservation Officer on nominations to the State and National Registers.
- 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.