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## MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION March 10, 2016

Hatton Hall at the Governor Benjamin B. Moeur House Campus  
34 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Tempe, AZ 85281  
6:00 PM

Commission Present:

Andrea Gregory, Chair  
Scott Solliday, Vice Chair  
Anne Bilsbarrow  
Chuck Buss  
Lauren Proper  
Brenda Shears  
Korri Turner

Commission Absent:

Ira Bennett

City Staff Present

Robbie Aaron, Planning  
Brenda Abney, Tempe History Museum  
Hunter Hansen, Planning  
Billy Kiser, HPO Intern  
John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer  
Mark Vinson, FAIA / AICP, City Architect

Public Present

Karyn Gitlis  
Vic Linoff  
Joe Nucci

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

1. Call to Audience: Mention of book entitled "The Politics of Historic Districts"
2. Consideration of meeting minutes: 02/11/2016

**Commissioner Shears moved the Commission to approve the February 11, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solliday and passed with a vote of 7-0.**

3. Consideration of Archaeological Sensitive Classification Subcommittee minutes: 04/09/2015

**Commissioner Turner moved the Commission to approve the April 09, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Solliday and passed with a vote of 7-0.**

4. Discussion and possible direction regarding documentation guidelines for the Arizona Public Service-funded Ocotillo Power Plant pre-demolition report (1500 East University Drive) – John Southard
  - Overview of HPC standards for allocation of funds as determined at February 2015 HPC meeting
  - Overview of standards for photographic documentation
  - Discussion of recent video documentation at APS plant in West Phoenix as possible option for Ocotillo Power Plant documentation
  - HPC discussion on altering the scope of the original funding allocation to include a video documentation component
  - Cost of 37-minute West Phoenix power plant video was \$6,000-7,000; some ambiguity about what the cost at Ocotillo would be. Recommendation that video documentation at Ocotillo be much shorter in length to reduce costs

- Video documentation more publically accessible and more likely to be seen by a wider audience than photographic archival documentation – public outreach to be a primary goal of video documentation
- Video documentation should supplement—not replace—still photography
- Overview of funding allocation breakdown and amount that could be taken from the other 3 funding components and reallocated to video documentation
- Discussion of pros and cons of video vs. still photography
- Overview of APS bidding process for subcontractors (APS to find its own subcontractors)
- Oral history interviews should be included in video documentation
- 1/3 of \$15,000 budget should be set as the maximum allocation for video documentation; video should include components from all three existing areas of allocation.
- Audience comment on importance of mid-century modern (1958-1975) historic context study; the Ocotillo Power Plant documentation could contribute to this historic context.

**Commissioner Shears moved the Commission to set an amount not to exceed 1/3 of total \$15,000 budget for video documentation consisting of moving imagery, to include components from all three previously stipulated funding categories. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buss and passed with a vote of 7-0.**

5. Character Area 3 Historic and Cultural Resources Mapping Presentation – Robbie Aaron

- Overview of Character Area 3 (downtown Tempe, Rio Salado, ASU)
- Presentation of CA-3 maps
- Request for commissioners to review CA-3 maps and provide feedback to City staff
- Tempe Streetcar Corridor Study identifies historic properties in the downtown area and can inform CA-3 mapping process
- Overview of four focus areas within CA-3
- CA-3 will take over one year to complete and will be the only CA that city staff works on in 2016
- CA-3 kickoff and first workshop is scheduled for April 16
- Discussion of Hudson Manor, Tomlinson Estates, and Borden Homes – reasons why they were included in the Apache Character Area, as opposed to the Downtown/ASU Character Area

6. Chair / Staff Updates

- SHPO provided \$20,000 in funding for the HPO Intern Program this year
- HPO has submitted various applications for grant funding to both the City of Tempe as well as Indian Gaming Grants with GRIC and PYIC.
- Funding has also been requested to hire a third-party contractor to produce a new Historic Preservation Plan for Tempe
- Recognition of Commissioner Bilbarrow, who has officially termed-out from HPC
- Overview of Capital Improvement Projects
- City may assume ownership of Gonzales-Martinez House in near future
- HABS for Hayden House deemed “substantially complete”; HPO awaiting second draft of Hayden House Protection Plan
- Update on Tempe Butte Management Plan; discussion of pot sherd collection on the Butte and collaboration with SRP-MIC regarding prehistoric artifacts collected on City property at the Butte
- HPO Intern updates

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7. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Discussion of Hayden's Ferry Days event

Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Billy Kiser, HPO Intern

Reviewed by: John Larsen Southard, Senior Planner / Historic Preservation Officer

  
Andrea Gregory, Chair

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