PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Tempe

MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 13th, 2016

Hatton Hall
34 E. 7th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

6:06 PM

Commission Present:
Andrea Gregory, Chair
Chuck Buss, Vice-Chair
Matthew Bilsbarrow
Sara Ferland
Jim Garrison
Joe Nucci
Scott Solliday (6:15)
Korri Turner

Commission Absent:
Lauren Proper

City Staff Present:
John Larsen Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Hunter Hansen
Robbie Aaron
Alex Smith, Deputy Director
Benda Abney, Museum Administrator

Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Call to Audience: No response

2. Introduction of Commissioner Jim Garrison
   - John Southard introduced new commissioner Jim Garrison
   - Jim Garrison gave a brief background of himself and his career

3. Approval of September 8th, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   - There were no amendments to the minutes

   Commissioner Nucci moved the Commission approve the September 8th, 2016 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buss and passed with a vote of 7-0.

4. Hayden Flour Mill Project Team Introduction – Anne Bilsbarrow and Stacia Ledesma (SmithGroup)
   - Commissioner Bilsbarrow recused himself
   - Chair Gregory recused herself
   - Anne Bilsbarrow opened with a presentation on behalf of SmithGroup and discussed the qualifications of the development team and the project details
   - Stacia Ledesma of SmithGroup presented the initial design concepts for the mill building and discussed how the concepts relate to the architectural history and operations of the mill
   - John Southard gave an update on the removal of the wash towers and reminded the Commission that this was not the formal submittal
   - Hunter Hansen discussed having an interim preservation plan and informed the development team of what that would entail
   - Commissioner Nucci commented on the benefits of the additional ground floor massing on the west façade of the building
   - Vic Linoff (public) asked about the timing of the project
   - Alex Smith Discussed the timing of the project and the priority of the project as a whole
   - Commissioner Garrison commented on the rooftop addition and the additional massing on the east façade

- Anne Bilsbarrow provided the Commission insight on the mitigation for the removal of the wash towers
- Sara Ferland commented on the wash tower mitigation, archway, and water feature
- Staff, Commission members and the development team discussed the potential reuse of the wood from the existing wash towers in the overall design

5. Overview of Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report for 2016 Calendar Year

- John Southard asked the members of the Commission to provide suggestions of accomplishments for the 2016 calendar year to be included in the annual report
- Commissioner Nucci discussed the Council Priorities and how they relate to the work of the Commission and Historic Preservation overall
- Chair Gregory asked the Commission to draft a list of accomplishments for the past year
- Commissioner discussed the accomplishments of the Commission over the past year and how the City of Tempe benefitted from those accomplishments. The list of accomplishments is as follows:
    - Access to AZSITE
    - Involvement in the Hayden House Protection Plan and Conservation Easement
    - Involvement in the APS Ocotillo documentation outline and requests
    - Comments and considerations for the Tempe Butte Master Plan
    - Review and comments on archaeological work plans
    - Input on the Tempe Butte Water Tanks Rehabilitation project
    - Midcentury Modern architecture training
    - Attendance at the annual state Historic Preservation Conference
- Commission requests updated resumes from former interns to be included in accomplishments

6. Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Tempe Historic Preservation Commission Vision / Work Plan

- Commissioners discussed goals for the coming year and how they related to the Vision / Work Plan. The list of goals is as follows:
    - Advise
        - Continue close coordination with Hayden House and Hayden Flour Mill
        - Reestablish partnership with Council via Council Liaisons
    - Inventory and Designate
        - Inventory post 1960 properties
        - Resume Historic Eligible process
        - Develop multi-family housing context and identify properties
    - Review
        - Recommend on-call list for City of Tempe review/consultation on archaeology
    - Assist
        - Develop incentives, financial or otherwise, for listing on the Tempe Historic Property Register
    - Educate
        - Attend HOA meetings
        - Create interactive GIS component
        - Continue to fosterTribal relationships
    - Compile
        - Update archaeological sites layer with AZSITE data
        - Develop blanket treatment and monitoring plans
        - Compilation of complete cultural history document and historical context
- Chair Gregory recommended bringing additional goals to the next meeting for incorporation in to the Vision / Work Plan

7. Chair / Staff Updates

- Chair Gregory announced the release of former City Architect Mark Vinson's new book
- John Southard updated the Commission on the Valor on 8th project and the archaeological work that took place as part of the project including:
  - The discovery of prehistoric footprints and the strategies to preserve them
  - The professional tour of the site that was attended by approximately 40 people
  - Documentation by SRP-MIC of the recovery and preservation of the footprints
- John Southard updated the Commission on the 8th Street Streetscape project timeline and archaeology
- John Southard updated the Commission on the proposal to designate Papago Park a preserve
- John Southard gives update on the listing and future potential sale of First Congregational Church
- Hunter Hansen updated the Commission on the Character Area 3 planning process, as well as 5th Street Streetscape and Streetcar
- John Southard updated the Commission on the status of the Tempe (Hayden) Butte Water Tank Rehabilitation project
- John Southard discussed his attendance at the Petroglyph Graffiti Removal Training and the potential use of a product known as Elephant Snot for future removal of petroglyph graffiti in Tempe.

8. Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Brenda Abney announced the opening of the next featured exhibit at the Tempe History Museum, *Trains of Tempe,* on November 10th at 6 p.m. She invited the Commission to attend the opening.
- Commissioner Turner reminded the Commission members of the upcoming G.A.I.N Night on October 15th.

Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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Andrea Gregory, Chair