

# MINUTES

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### MARCH 10, 2021

Minutes of the regular hearing of the Historic Preservation Commission, of the City of Tempe, which was held virtually.

#### Regular Meeting 6:02 PM

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>
Chuck Buss, Chair	Steve Abrahamson, Principal Planner
Martin Ball, Vice-Chair	Brittainy Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Chris Garraty	Alex Smith, Deputy Dir. Special Projects
Elizabeth Gilbert	Jared Smith, Senior Curator
Gregory Larson	John Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
Laurene Montero	Shawn Wagner, Parks and Recreation Admin
Joe Nucci	

#### 1) Voting of the Meeting Minutes

**Motion** by **Commissioner Larson** to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021 ; second by **Vice Chair Ball**. Motion passed on **5-0** vote.

**Ayes:** Chuck Buss, Martin Ball, Chris Garraty, Gregory Larson, Joe Nucci

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Elizabeth Gilbert

**Absent:** Matthew Bilsbarrow, Jim Garrison

#### 2) Parks & Recreation Master Plan Presentation

##### Presentation by Staff, Shawn Wagner

Mr. Wagner informed the Commissioners that this has come before the Commissioners twice before with Craig Hayton. The department is almost complete on the Parks and Recreation Master plan. The City Council Strategic Priorities that they are focusing on is the Quality of Life. The Quality of Life 3.16 talks about the Centers. When the department is looking at the Center they are not just looking at the Brick and Motor but also parks and playground. Then the 3.17 is the services that are being provided such as adaptive recreation and boating on the lake and sports league with health and fitness classes. Mr. Hayton came to do the planning process and the format and the level of service. The level of service helps the department assess the recreation experiences for the residents. Assign a level of service metric to determine the level of service is needed in the future. Also the department is looking at the demographics classification and where in the future they need additional. The new feature that they are working on is the StoryMap it allows for a much better user experience. It is available on the Tempe Forum Cite which is [Tempe.gov/forum](http://Tempe.gov/forum). It will be open to review for a couple of weeks to get feedback and they are able to move forward. One of the futures that you can jump to a chapter and each one of the chapters is sub divided and there are links to supporting documents. Then the department has guiding principles with Strategic Priorities there is more refined to four guiding principles which are Inclusion, Resilience, Strategic, and

Sustainability. What the department means by inclusion is providing access and opportunities for all regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, income, or ability. The department wanted it to be a guiding principle for the plan. Resilience talks to how parks and Recreation helps community thrive through the disruptive environmental health events. For instance, with the Coronavirus the parks and recreation area has remained pivotal with childcare. With strategic there is a continuance improvement. Sustainability is about the systems and services that enrich and sustain the community. They nature the environment and sustain the economy. One of the two of the areas that he would like to highlight is the Inclusion. Where Parks and Recreation has been able to bring in and integrate some of the Historic pieces. The department is working to make sure that they are able to identify the Historic and cultural significant to continue to engage in the continuing conversation including the Tribal Communities. Continue to increase the culturally diverse programing and design. Making things engaging and exciting for folks to visit the parks but people also recognizing the historical and indigenou character of the community. The second area of highlight is Sustainability. This is where the department is able to enhance some natural areas with appropriate amenities how the community will be able to be engaged in the park. The habitat between Papago and the Parks and being able to dive deeper into it. Then lastly developing and implementing the plans. The strategies will help guide the department over the next ten years. While they are working though the steps there will need to be some flexibility. As well as continuing to work with the community and that represents the City of Tempe. The current time and next steps is meeting back up with the Boards and Commissions for the next month and a half. In April the plan is go to the City Council Work study session. The Final adoption of the Plan in May and June.

Vice Chair Ball asked if the Parks and Recreation department had the opportunity to connect with Salt River Project with the existing canal line. Is Salt River Project receptive to those kinds of approaches?

Mr. Wagner stated that he has not, but he will pass the information along to Mr. Hayton.

Commissioner Larson asked what the take on the park hours is beginning at 6am versus 5 am.

Mr. Wagner stated that is something that would need to be decided by the Community.

Chair Buss stated that is a great point that Commissioner Larson made. Can the park hours began at Dawn.

Mr. Wagner stated that is a possibility but it will depend on what is going on that may or may not limit it. He does have that down as a note to bring up with Mr. Hayton.

Chair Buss asked when does the Parks close.

Mr. Wagner stated 10pm. There are special events that are permitted to operate outside of the hours but if it is within a community, the department makes sure the community is involved.

Chair Buss asked if all the parks have lighting.

Mr. Wagner stated that all the parks do have lighting some have better technology then others. City Council is really good at supporting Park infrastructure and improvements.

### 3) Announcement of Forthcoming Tempe Historic Property Register Nominations

#### Presentation by Staff, John Southard, Historic Preservation Officer

Mr. Southard informed the commissioners that this an opportunity for the Commission to weigh in on what the historic preservation office has determined to be eligible properties for listing in the Tempe Historic Property Register and Properties that are anticipated in the nomination for the Tempe Historic Property Register. That will go thorough Development Review Commission and City Council. Those Properties are the Gonzales and Martinez house that are not locally designated it is classified as Historic eligible it is a historic 1880 adobe house on 1<sup>st</sup> street just West of Ash Avenue. Then the North Side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street East of Rural Road. Both of these properties are City-owned. There are some protection but will gain additional protection. The additional protection would be should the current

Historic Preservation Officer move on then there will be something formalized in the fact that there are resources in place that need special attention and management.

### **Commission Discussion**

Chair Buss stated that the properties seem like worthy properties to nominate.

Vice Chair Ball stated that he trusts that this is one of the items for discussion that the city is willing to make this happen.

Mr. Southard stated that there is not any objection that he is aware of.

Commissioner Montero asked if there is any discussion on nominating the properties to the National Register.

Mr. Southard stated that there is thought about nominating the properties to the National Register.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Southard and him knows that there are valuable locations and assets. He believes that the Historic Office has the support of the Preservation efforts as a whole with the City Management. What they would do is take the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Office to management and then send everything through the appropriate systems when the times come and bring it back to the Commission formally.

Commissioner Larson asked does Mr. Southard know when it will be presented formally to the Commission.

Mr. Southard answered that it will be soon, but he is not sure of the exact timing.

Commissioner Montero stated that she is willing to help.

#### 4) Introduction of Cultural Resources Inventory / Blanket Monitoring, Discovery, & Treatment Plan

##### **Presentation by Staff, John Southard, Historic Preservation Officer**

Mr. Southard informed the commissioners that this is an introduction like the Historic Preservation Plan update in 1965 City wide survey and the environment that was to be the Urban Core. Which provides an overview to the Commission and the Commissioners were given a written overview in the packet. The overview of the work that is being done as it relates to the cultural resources inventory and the blanket monitoring discovery and treatment plan. There was an RFQ put out by the City and Logan Simpson was selected to undertake the work. They are working with Dr. Andy Darling of Southwest Heritage Resource to complete the project. The project was delayed because of the pandemic and limit availability to the archives. The intent of this is to create a comprehensive inventory there are petroglyphs on the Butte. It is also known that Paloma Del Rio is an archaeological site listed in the property register. There is not a grasp on the cultural resources including landforms. There is not a current level of documentation to effectively manage these resources. There is ongoing efforts to determine where the cultural resources what areas or landforms may be perceived as cultural resources that need to be managed. It is also the graphic component that will come in as the out reach to the Tribal partners is very important. In addition the plan calls for a blanket monitoring, discovery, and treatment plan. If there is a project in the City that as a Federal Nexus Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act applies compliances. If it is a activity that involves ground disturbance and on state land the city is required currently to comply with the Arizona Antiquity Act. What is missing is a policy relating to archaeological outside of what is required by state and Federal Law. There is also not a blanket plan. This plan will allow for archeological consultant to be better prepared for the work in Tempe. The information will be consulted by ASM and others lead by background knowledge that often take a fair amount of time and often takes time to develop and there is insurance that the City can deploy the contractors sooner then they would otherwise be able to cost. There will be a kick off meeting the following week to put in order to put to use for the City needs.

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### **Commission Discussion**

Commissioner Montero asked if this is a treatment plan for data recovery in non-discovery situations.

Mr. Southard answered that it is a blanket monitoring plan so it will address all of the above.

Commissioner Nucci asked if for the next meeting if Mr. Southard can give a sense of where the planning efforts are at specific in terms of land use planning. The General Update for the land use plan or the interim status of the Urban Core Master Plan. This way the Commissioners can anticipate the broader processes with the information that is being produced and if the commissioners are just watching and paying close attention then they will be able to get something that is really well integrated.

Mr. Southard stated he will speak with Mr. Smith about updates to bring forward about the General Plan update and Use Planning.

Mr. Abrahamson stated that the General Plan 2050 there is a kick off meeting for March 11, 2021.

Mr. Southard asked Commissioner Garraty if there was any other information that should be shared with the Commissioners since he works for Logan Simpson.

Commissioner Garraty stated that Mr. Southard has covered everything and given the work that Andy Darling has done so far with the City Projects he is excited to see what he comes up with. As excited about the plans from late 2019 and early 2020 with a series of kick offs in various of states based on meeting in person with the Tribes. Allowed for Logan Simpson team to move forward with some of the inventory work. One of the areas of discussion with Mr. Southard is looking for places off the beaten track. There are some smaller sites that have fallen off the radar they were discovered in the 1900's but no other work has happened since. To address Commissioner Montero question Logan Simpson team is calling the project Archeologically Management Plan as a broader term because it covers monitoring, discovery situations, and data recovery.

### 5) Historic Preservation Plan Priorities Discussion

#### **Presentation by Staff, John Southard, Historic Preservation Officer**

Mr. Southard informed the commissioners that this item is something that will be agendaized regularly. There is helpful feedback at past meetings. Particularly with new construction and integrating that with new historic districts looking for some degree of compatibility of historic look and feel, how the Commission goes about sharing the priorities with the Council, making sure that archaeological issues are addressed, expand on points that were initially provided. Would like to bring forward to discuss are priorities for the Historic Preservation Office as it relates to the program itself. One of the big questions that has gone unresolved is the matter of Prop 207 and historic district. Finding out what is the City position as it relates to Prop 207. How would the Commission go about designating the Historic district in the current environment. Looking to compile and further develop the context given the limited staffing of the office would be of great value because as properties come forward there is no means readily available to compare the properties to the known universe of candidates of rather or not they are in fact significant and have integrity compared to other examples. Process related questions looking at eligibility. Language in the Ordinance regarding eligibility. Other questions such as what is the policy regarding 50 years of age or more. Periodically updating the inventory the last residential of the survey inventory was completed in 2001. What the policy is regarding a city own property versus a private owned property. The question about solar panels on historic homes that possess challenges.

### **Commission Discussion**

Chair Buss stated that Prop 207 has been an essential issue for the past seven years. Would like to see more guidance from the City Attorney office on what the Commission can do to promote historic district while staying within the Prop 207 laws. There has been any new Historic District since Prop 207. It would be nice to see new ones.

Mr. Southard stated that there was Date Palm Manor which is a small neighborhood there are about 39 properties of which one needs 38.

Mr. Smith stated that the City Staff has had some discussion with the Attorney office about the Prop 207 waivers. Where any one that comes into get entitlements from the City Community Development does sign a Prop 207 waiver. The fact is that to be in the district you have to sign the waiver. Where he does not see that changing he can see about getting a letter for the moving forward that can be integrated into the HP Plan.

Chair Buss stated that as a home owner the solar panel industry does advertise and promote itself and he has been conducted. However the front of his home does face the South and to him it would wreck the historicness of the home. So it would be great to get some guidance on the issue for historic districts.

Mr. Southard stated the City of Scottsdale and Phoenix have policies perspective to Solar panels. It would be helpful to explore what options are available. He did look a bit into the solar roof tiles that are being manufactured by Tesla and there are a number options available even some that replicate the look of Clay tiles. At the moment it seems that there is only black shingles or panels that are to made to look like shingles which may not be a bad option. Which is something needs more discussion moving forward.

Chair Buss stated that he agrees it something that needs more discussion.

Vice Chair Ball stated that he is looking forward to the articulation of the day of demolition policy. Similar to what Phoenix has done in regards to the 30 day postings and working to try and find alternative sites.

#### 6) Chair / Staff Updates

At the last commission meeting there was a formal recommendation of the Four Southern Tribes that are inclusive of the working to have representation on the Historic Preservation Commission. That has been moved forward language has been drafted and the first public hearing is March 25, 2021.

There is also on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March two grants it will be on the agenda. Both relate in one way or another to the certified government program. The first grant does not require matching funds it will be for training to Commissioners prior to coming to the Historic Preservations Office. In October it will help to pay for registration Conference and those traveling outside of the Phoenix area to cover outside expenses. The second grant is for the Historic Preservation Office can put together a training video that will address various topics. That grant does require a City match either.

On Monday March 15, 2021 Jacob Butler gate panels will be installed at the Hayden House. The courtyard on the South side has a wall with post that are up.

The Historic Preservation Conference is Tuesday October 26 - 29, 2021.

#### 7) Current Events / Announcements / Future Agenda Items

- Member Announcements
- **Staff Announcements**

Mr. Jared Smith informed the commissioners to be sure to check the City updates since they are in the grand centennial year. There are lots of things going on in the Tempe City webpage at [tempe.gov/tempe150](http://tempe.gov/tempe150) with updates and events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

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