

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY – MAY 2021

I. Background

Tempe is looking to update the Historic Preservation Plan by identifying and addressing current challenges, opportunities, and best practices in historic preservation. Aside from minor revisions adopted on June 15, 2000, the two-page plan drafted more than twenty years ago remains the City's guiding document in its efforts to apply the historic preservation ordinance.

The goals and priorities provided in the plan will contribute to community planning while protecting and celebrating Tempe's heritage.

II. Outreach

Several methods were used to provide information to the public regarding the project, meeting and opportunities for input.

- A direct mail postcard was sent to owners of properties on the local and national historic registers inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online,
- Email notification to neighborhood and homeowners' association contacts inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online and share with their neighborhoods,
- Email notification to relevant Boards and Commissions inviting them to attend the meeting or to comment online.
- A virtual public meeting was held on April 26 with approximately 30 attendees. A recording of the virtual meeting was made available online.
- The topic was posted online for input from April 26 to May 10 on Tempe Forum.
- Project website was available.

Below is a summary of digital outreach that provided information to the public regarding the meeting, project and opportunities for input:

FACEBOOK

3/7/21 – public meeting. Reach: 6,419 | Engagement: 1,083

3/15/21 - public meeting. Reach: 1,095 | Engagement: 20

3/29/21 – online input reminder. Reach: 5,499 | Engagement 430

TWITTER

3/7/21 – public meetings. Impressions: 2,844 | Engagement: 79

3/15/21 - public meeting reminder. Impressions: 1,719 | Engagement: 66

NEXTDOOR

3/7/21 – public meeting. Impressions: 216

3/29/21 – online input reminder. Impressions: 220

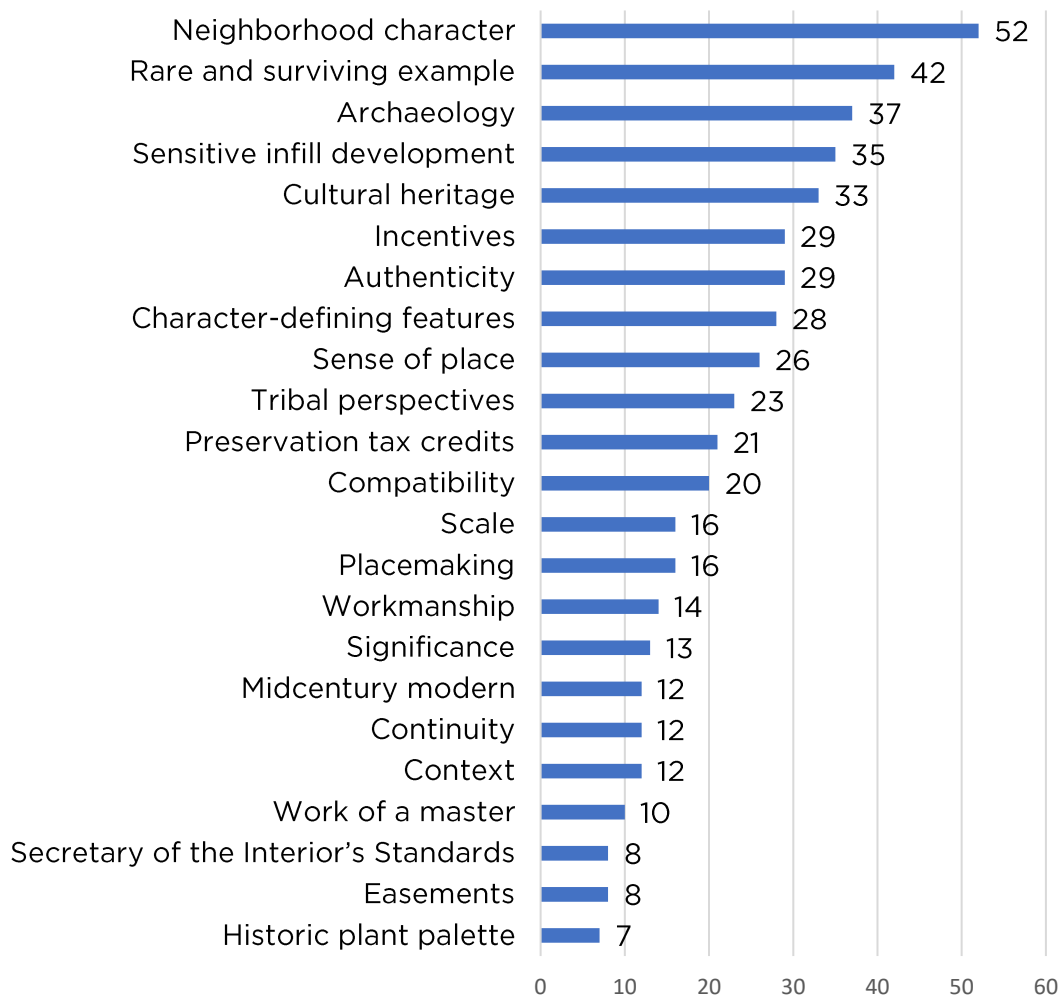
EBLAST

3/7/21 – MailChimp: 4,129 opens.

III. Survey Responses

A total of 52 survey responses were received.

1. Below is a list of historic preservation terms. Use the dot•ocracy tool to select the 10 you feel are most important as community priorities.



2. Please share your thoughts regarding the role and value of the Tempe Historic Preservation Office and Tempe Historic Preservation Commission.

1. As a longtime resident of Tempe, I'm very interested in its history and culture, and I support the outstanding efforts of the Tempe HPO and the Tempe HPC.
2. City of Tempe allowed the demolition of a mid-century modern home, now replaced by an enormous residence which has no place in the University Park historic district.
3. Funding and furthering preservation of historic preservation that is publicly accessible. Collected, organized, sensitive resources available for public and private use.
4. Glad that they exist
5. historic preservation and preservation of the character of neighborhood is what makes unique cities, like Tempe, worthwhile destinations.
6. HPO should make it easy for homeowners to maintain historic designation.
7. I don't see that the City gives much thought or importance to historic preservation, so I'm not sure what value the office holds, or whether the "role" of the office has any power. I would like to see the HPO and HPC have more power against the DRC, the developers and the City staffers and Council who don't make much effort towards preservation.
8. I feel that the preservation of Tempe's history should be focused and effective. I would prefer a targeted and detailed set of rules versus a general set of rules. Tempe has some specific sites that could benefit from preservation. I would say that we really need to try to preserve items buildings land and other things that are more than 100 years old.
9. I think that the Tempe Historic Preservation Office and the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission have good intentions. It does not appear that the resources for meeting the mission of the organizations have not been funded within the City of Tempe. There are no incentives and minimal support that only seems to come when a developer wants to work something out because of a historic lot that they want a massive development on. The burned 1938 house in Maple Ash has been a blight for 10 years, and this is a poor reflection on the City of Tempe and maintaining historic neighborhoods. It does not do much good to allow slum-like properties and expect the neighbor historic property to have extensive and costly requirements. Historic properties have to be preserved and maintained, and it is not free. The City of Tempe does little to assist historic homeowners and that needs to change if different results are expected. I propose up to \$20,000 matching grants, per historic property to upgrade, maintain, and restore historic homes. If the City of Tempe is serious, they need to make an investment if they expect changes to happen. The Tempe Historic groups need to work with the Neighborhood Services group to do a better job of staying on top of the blight in non-HOA neighborhoods in Tempe. There is not much motivation to improve when the area looks as bad as many do. That can change, but the rules for weeds being allowed for 120 days needs to change.
10. I think the historic preservation of Tempe is very important, especially in the face of the overwhelming amount of demolition and development in Tempe. I

believe the city should focus much more on the people who already live in Tempe, rather than who they believe could and perhaps who they believe should live in Tempe. We have a valuable history, including that which dates back to the O'ohdam people, that is worth preserving and celebrating. I am tired of seeing my city just be overrun by out of state, money-hungry developers.

11. I would like to see the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission continue to serve the community in the way it has, protect historical sites and buildings, help find ways to maintain them and make them beautiful as a highlighted feature of our city; help to identify what buildings/sites still need protecting; help ensure that new projects are sympathetic with the historic character (as much as possible in light of all the growth and changes we've already experienced.). Always consider the implications for native peoples and places. And really, help keep Tempe diverse by protecting the historic character of our city. Our city has always had diverse populations of people, especially in the downtown Tempe area; the type of housing built over the decades has allowed for this. I hope the older, mid-century homes remain and will not be torn down.
12. If our communities don't have a way to save their history, then we will have nothing to tell where we've been & how far we've come. Old cities (& countries) have thriving tourism because the historic buildings & sites have been preserved. Without public support and governmental support - & committees to provide the organization - we can not preserve, protect, publicize & use the artifacts of our history. Tempe's preservation organizations are critical & crucial to the task of saving & documenting our past.
13. Important that the low-scale nature of Tempe be preserved, along with a diversity of architectural styles and layouts.
14. It is kind of too late after the downtown became a mini Dubai but it is never too late. It is super crucial to celebrate what we have and preserve the identity of Tempe. Everything new is so boring.
15. it is necessary
16. It seems that historic preservation in Tempe has lost. We tried over the last 20 years, but we lost.
17. Please forgive me for being so blunt, but my honest opinion is that the Tempe City Council as well as its staff do not care about historic preservation. I suppose that it would be more accurate to say that, in my opinion, the City and its staff are neutral to historic preservation efforts as long as those efforts aren't opposed by developers. If there's any opposition from developers, then forget it. So, to more directly address the question, I think that there is tremendous value in historic preservation, as it preserves the physical manifestations of who we are as a community. I just don't have much optimism that the City of Tempe really cares about these goals.
18. Please make it easier for people to do the right thing. Support neighborhoods that want to keep their historic designation by discouraging development that tears down existing in order to maximize every inch of the property with building and hardscape, especially in areas with healthy tree canopy, flood

irrigated lots, and significant older homes. Some of these historic areas are ecosystems that will be overheating with gravel yards and more concrete for cars. Landscape should be considered as well as architecture.

19. Tempe continuously faces extreme development and redevelopment pressure and its unique history is eroding. Tempe Preservation is an important advocate for the conservation of our community cultural heritage in the built environment for the enjoyment of future generations.
20. Tempe Historic Preservation Office should provide assistance and guidance to the owners of Tempe's historic buildings.
21. Tempe is 150 years old, it is extremely important for the city to recognize its past and preserve it. The Preservation Office and Commission will be essential for Tempe in the future to achieve these goals.
22. Tempe must move out of continually speaking in a historic-only voice in order to hear the unique knowledge the desert speaks to us.
23. Thank you very much for having a historic plan and for soliciting community input. We should all be aware that without the historic aspects and character of Tempe, we would just be another Phoenix suburb. It is critical to the success of the city. A few comments on the survey: 1. We should not be forced to choose between these priorities (in this survey or in real life). 2. Items on this list aren't mutually exclusive - there is a lot of overlap. Will they be grouped together when the results are shown? For example, tribal perspectives and cultural heritage - not the same thing exactly but lots of overlap. 3. There are also some apples and oranges in here - incentives are a METHOD for promoting preservation but is not a CHARACTERISTIC of preservation site such as Work of a Master.
24. The gaudy monstrosity mansion on Apache that was forced on the neighborhood by Micheal Crow for his buddies is a complete failure of the Historical Preservation Office. Neighborhood character is really important. It shouldn't be possible to force through something so incongruent to a neighborhood.
25. The HPO and HPC
26. The role of mediary between tribes, developers and the community is necessary. The knowledge of Tempe's historic building inventory in that office is incredibly valuable.
27. The Tempe Historic Preservation is critical to our long-term well-being as a community. Either we can ignore logic to protect cultural assets now, or be "surprised" later when irresponsibly cash out our heritage, only to look like everywhere else without an identity or soul ... and then pay tens of millions to "place make" to replace cultural assets (multiple times - because it never works) that our community already had from the start and built on its own. Just out of fiscal sensibility, the preservation office has critical value.
28. The Tempe Historic Preservation Office, and Tempe Historic Preservation Commission should play a major role in the community development of our city. It seems that very little regard has been paid to their recommendations to the City Council in recent years.
29. These bodies are essential to maintaining a livable and meaningful community. They would ideally 1) evaluate all property in Tempe to determine what merits

historical designation and preservation; 2) be informed of any plans for the sale and development of such property in Tempe, and have the authority to approve or deny any plans that are not consonant with preservation laws and best practices.

30. To preserve historical building

31. Very important to maintaining the town feeling of Tempe, which is mainly suburban sprawl, without enough density to even be urban.

32. We are losing cultural historic resources at an astonishing pace. It's three steps forward and two steps back. We are positioned to preserve the Macayo's historic first addition - the train depot, at the same time we lose the First Congregationalist Church and probably the beginning of the end of the Andre Building (the site of a historic Dublin pub transplanted into Tempe with memorabilia - Rula Bula). Once it's gone, it's gone forever. No replacing it. We need our past to color our present and carry us forward into the future.

33. When I first moved to the valley 30 years ago, I was appalled at the rate that historic buildings were being discarded for new development. There is so much to learn about our heritage, that of the the original residents and natural, climate and human history we have yet to discover and preserve. Our Preservation Office and Commission are essential to our identity!

34. While understanding the need for growth, change and progress, preserving the soul and character of Tempe is imperative. Without the care and effort to maintain Tempe's history and historic sites, it's easy for it to become a cookie-cutter town without character and attachment to all those who have come before us. Historic Preservation helps to ensure that duty of helping the community explore, understand, conserve and connect with it's history isn't overlooked or an afterthought when developing and growing Tempe into the future.

35. With rampant development in Tempe, character, markers of the past, and cultural and architectural landmarks are threatened to be swallowed up. These elements are often the backdrop of our sense of place and quality of life. The Tempe Historic Preservation Office and Commission ought to be advocates for balancing the drive for unbridled development/profit/progress against values of historic continuity and quality of life.

36. You need to save, preserve, and reuse more unique and historical buildings and landscape features before more disappear. You have already LOST the Valley National "pineapple roof" Bank and the nearby Concrete Wigwam Motel (would have made a great park with ICONIC BUILDINGS) to ASU who seems to be buying EVERY BUILDING in town ... even the TB Sanitarium on Curry Road. VISIT THE MILL CITY MUSEUM in downtown Minneapolis on the banks of the Mississippi River See what Minneapolis has done with their HISTORIC MILL SITE. I have taken about 40 photos I can put on a flash drive to drop by your offices for you to see their achievement. It's a great museum with an even GREATER riverside top floor VIEWING DECK of the Mississippi River, St. Anthony's Fall, and their HISTORIC BRIDGES. You LOST the old TEMPE ASH AVENUE BRIDGE >>>Big Time. Minneapolis kept their old bridge for pedestrians and it is loved by ALL !!!

3. What issues do you identify as priorities for the Historic Preservation Office and Historic Preservation Commission in the coming decade?

1. 1) sensitive in-fill is essential, the super tall glass high rises in downtown Tempe look out of place due to their height and location. 2) archeological assessment of building sites is critical, would be wonderful to see displays about these areas in our museum. 3) preservation of unique historic buildings and features provides our city with a sense of its past and is critical in a 'new' city like Tempe. 4) preservation of our MCM neighborhoods is also important. This is one of my favorite things about Palm Springs and Tempe has not played to the strength of our MCM design areas.
2. 1. Long-standing businesses leaving Tempe and their brick & mortars being renovated into something new and unrecognizable that doesn't include the physical history. 2. New developments that don't have a visual "sense of place" and look like they could be in Anytown, USA. 3. The need to consult and include local tribes when dealing with sites related to ancestral lands.
3. As always, there will be pressure to sell out history and culture to developments that will bring a lot of tax dollars to the city. We understand that need, but I believe there are ways to tie preservation to developments in a way that we can maintain the city's unique character. Again, I want to emphasize that there is a reason why people will pay more to live in Tempe when compared to Gilbert. We have something extra.
4. As the quantity of Historic homes and buildings continues to dwindle due to over zealous development in Tempe, I think a major priority of the HPO and HPC should be Historic designations for entire neighborhoods, and not just individual properties. The current disregard for these neighborhoods by unscrupulous developers in recent years has decimated what were once charming, peaceful places to live.
5. Buildings which have been built over the decades are being replaced with the new Dubai looking buildings which are out of characters of the place and time.
6. Continue to build on connections and input from tribal communities. Expand Hayden Butte Preserve and bring Tempe Butte property under city control. Make Hayden Butte doesn't get completely strangled by development, locking down a open space desert gateway park extending to Mill Avenue (as part of the future downtown heritage district - another thing) might allow us at least one foreground view shed without a building in the way. More emphasis on environment history and tribal heritage along Tempe Town Lake and Rio Salado vision - it's getting sort of cheesy, "piers" and the pirate themed public art ... disappointing, we have such a rich history to build on and sustainability opportunities to build on. Bring preservation and sustainable commission meetings together once a year. Get ahead of the curve, start protecting key mid-century assets now - our suburban heritage is real :) Similar to Community Services following the Arts and Culture Plan, increase size of preservation office team - Tempe is a mature city, it's time :)
7. Continued development will no doubt mean the discovery of more archaeologically significant sites related to the native and European settler

populations. One priority is therefore to ensure that such sites are properly protected and examined. I would also hope that public spaces (e.g. town lake waterfront) and buildings (e.g. downtown) of historical significance would have their protections strengthened. To the extent possible, the office and commission should also work to ensure the installation of more renewable energy sources in Tempe.

8. Coordinating with government and corporations and the general public to ensure our day-to-day activities and desired goals for the future don't harm or destroy the evidence of our history.
9. Development paving over any of Tempe's historical structures.
10. Expand the Historic Preservation Office, for starters. We need more resources and more people working in this department.
11. I feel that the issues that should be priorities should be to safeguard those items buildings land archeology that represent things that are more than 100 years old
12. I think that there's a disconnect between the Historic Preservation Office/Commission and the rest of the City of Tempe's staff and elected officials. I understand that those of you who work with historic preservation are genuinely passionate about it, but I don't think that the rest of the City of Tempe shares your interests. As long as this chasm exists, there's very little that can actually be accomplished. So, I think that a challenge--maybe an impossible one--is to somehow convince the City of Tempe that historic preservation is a worthwhile pursuit.
13. Increased responsiveness and flexibility to shifting community needs to address climate/heat challenges. More refined understanding and emphasis on native community presence in context of historic preservation in human built and natural environments. Not succumbing to 'not in my backyard' mentality in addressing these agendas.
14. Integration of the historical development of Tempe with the use and history of the native people that were the stewards of this unique place.
15. Keeping neighborhood history, sense of place and structures intact, i.e. single family homes, in the face of overwhelming high density development in downtown.
16. keeping town character of downtown Tempe and surrounding neighborhoods as density increases
17. Lighting. The giant floodlights from apartment complexes etc in neighborhoods is completely inappropriate. I didn't buy a house in the cute Tempe neighborhood I've lived in for a decade so I could feel like I live in a Walmart parking lot. Neighborhoods should have protection against light pollution like that.
18. maintaining the neighborhood mix of homes & rentals; students & families;
19. More and more historic homes are being torn down and nothing is being done to preserve them. When home owners attempt to maintain these historic homes they are denied permits, and are offered no assistance. Four historic homes have been torn down in the Maple/Ash neighborhood in the last two years. If this trend continues for the next decade there will be few remaining historic homes in Tempe.

20. My biggest priority is to create incentives for Tempe homeowners to apply for historic designation in the same way that Phoenix supports their historic neighborhoods. Grants for preservation and upkeep would make the bureaucratic processes relating to historic designations more engaging for homeowners. Additionally, greater support for homeowners in the process of applying for historic designations is needed. The HPO hasn't offered support for aspiring designation applicants, nor have neighborhoods received wide support to encourage homeowners to apply for historic designation. Widespread efforts with HPO, HPC, and City council members to educate and encourage neighbors to apply for historic designation would help homeowners become involved and interested in preserving the historic integrity of their properties; thus, supporting the historic integrity of the neighborhood and hence force the historic integrity of the City.
21. Please stop the continued demolition of buildings - and ridiculous and ugly development that replaces them.
22. Preserve as much of Tempe's historic buildings, places and features as possible. Get Tempe residents more aware of and involved with preservation successes and efforts.
23. Preserve the view from Tempe Butte. So many tall buildings are obstructing long vistas.
24. Preserving older neighborhoods in the downtown area. Preserving historic landmarks and buildings. Securing grants and other funding for these projects.
25. Preserving the low scale, moderate density of the neighborhoods, and preserving park space, open space, and some undeveloped spaces.
26. preserving the nature of historic of tempe neighborhoods. ensuring significant buildings are conserved
27. Preventing elements of Tempe history and culture as embodied in places and structures from being swallowed up or bulldozed under in the face of unbridled development.
28. Protecting historic buildings from being erased by development
29. Protecting historic sites from development around them and maintaining the properties
30. Putting archaeology on the same playing field as preservation of existing structures and heritage sites. Creating city incentives to preserve the less than 1%, when Joe Nucci last measured it, (hope I'm not stepping on your toes, John), of the historic structures existing in Tempe. Creating a line in the city budget to receive and dedicate funding for preservation incentives, repairs, education, acquisition....Putting the education component in place, maybe a historic preservation and archaeology education foundation. Figuring out how we are going to use the Eisendrath House. Funding repairs at the Eisendrath House. Finding a path for preservation/reuse of the Gonzales - Martinez House. Continuation of the offering to downzone properties in Maple Ash. Figuring out a way to preserve Maple Ash as a district.. Creating a downtown historic district with whatever protections we can put in place for it.. Designating more authentic standing historic houses in Maple Ash

31. Tempe being land locked and having no place to go but up and ruining building to do so
32. Tempe is growing up, like crazy. I think the office and commission will need to play a very active role in development around Tempe to ensure that Tempe's historic character is maintained as we turn into a true big city center
33. The lack of incentives will result in the loss of historic property. Both commercial AND individuals are knocking down historic homes for development. Many have already been demolished in the Maple Ash neighborhood in the past couple years.
34. The priority should be to get historic property and potential historic property owners engaged in the process of caring for their properties and supporting the efforts of the Historic Preservation Office and Commission. There really are not that many properties and many are on ASU. ASU seems to be doing a good job with their historic buildings. I would make it a priority to develop a positive relationship with the historic property partners that you hope to influence and work with. I think that it is important to communicate, in a positive way, the history of each property and how the historic and office can support the efforts of each property. A priority should be to survey and identify opportunities to assist based on need for both properties and neighborhoods. It is pretty easy to just demolish a historic property rather than hassle with all the repairs and restoration - so I would encourage a consultative approach because the regulatory pressure does not appear to be there. Hang in there, and take one win at a time.
35. The Tempe Preservation Program must develop workable incentives capable of providing viable alternatives to redevelopment of our historic resources.
36. To take a strong stance against neo-liberal development. Also, perhaps it is time to center the diversity that was destroyed.
37. to work more closely with Natives people to identify Native history
38. We are losing the historic nature of our neighborhoods due to insensitive infill development. You only have to look across from Gammage Auditorium, on 13th Street, to see an out of scale, out of character, overpowering residence that lacks context, continuity and sensitivity to the 1940's/1950's neighborhood. Please establish some type of review on single family residential that informs new owners (residents, developers, investors) of the cultural and historic fabric of the neighborhood that attracts people to want to live in these wonderful areas in Tempe.
39. We continually are allowing our historic and prehistoric history to be stamped out with current development trends. At the very least, all new buildings should exemplify some sort of art, architecture or homage to our prehistory.
40. You also lost the old original FIRE STATION in downtown area and now there is crap downtown on Mill Avenue. No reason to go downtown ... unless you are a DRINKER. At least CHANGING HANDS BOOKSTORE moved and survived ... but so many other REAL merchants and music spots are gone. I have lived in a Tempe Knoell home since arrived in 1959 and so much is missing even the Japanese Gardens on Baseline Road and nearby irrigation canals lined with old cottonwood trees.... that would have been perfect shaded bike paths today if they had survived.

4. What additional thoughts, if any, do you have related to historic preservation in Tempe?

1. Actually it was hard to choose 10 priorities out of the 23 listed. They all have importance and a role to play in preservation.
2. Arizona in general does a poor job of retaining its historic structures and neighborhoods. Historically significant buildings are great for preservation but without conserving the nature of the context/neighborhood/space they are near monuments. Tempe is an old town with historic character in a metro area that lacks character in general - protect what is special and that begins with neighborhoods like Maple Ash
3. As we see from the current political climate, debates about the past remain central to American life. Tempe should do everything it can to honor and explain its past from as many perspectives as possible, and to protect, preserve, and showcase sites of historical importance.
4. DO not lose your HERITAGE !! I can still remember picking and buying grapes south of BASELINE and east of the City of Guadalupe behind the crop dusting airplane hangers and runway (???Sanders or Sawyer Field ??) and taking out of town visitors to Japanese Flower Gardens, the Salt River Headquarters lighted water fountains on Van Buren, the Drive In Movie Theatre across the street, and Legend City (have movies of park to prove it).
5. For too long we've overlooked the evidence of our past --- because that evidence was either buried under later construction, or has gradually decayed or fallen into disrepair. We've unthinkingly bull-dozed old historic buildings & neighborhoods because "new" was considered better. We need to find a way to blend honoring & saving the old with the need to build bigger.
6. historic preservation is essential to growing town wisely as people are more interested in living without cars and near work.
7. Historic preservation is important, there are organizations such as the DAR that also value historic preservation, partnerships with organizations like this can help offset costs of preservation.
8. I am sad that my expectations for an historic Maple Ash Preservation District get smaller and smaller and smaller...
9. I feel it is a must
10. I have been attempting to designate my neighborhood as historic for years, putting in hours upon hours going door to door to individually meet each and every one of my neighbors, and unfortunately, likely due to extremely limited resources and not enough people working for this department, my calls and emails just went unanswered after a while. My neighbors were very interested, but there is absolutely nothing I can do if there is no support from the city.
11. I really do wish you luck, and I hope that there is some way that these efforts could produce meaningful ways to preserve the overall character of residential neighborhoods, rather than merely preserving the odd building here and there.
12. I think more has to be done in adaptive reuse and providing funding to retrofit historic buildings, including schools, so we're not just razing and rebuilding everything every 40 years.

13. I think that we can't attempt to make the policies so broad that almost nothing is saved or that we can't have updated or new developments. And we don't want to make it so targeted that we miss something in the future.
14. I think the historic designation of houses needs to come with more tangible effects, especially financial incentives around restoration and preservation
15. I'd just like to add that Historic Preservation should be a top priority for our city. I've lived here for 58 years, and it's apparent to me that there is a lack of historic character left of the original Tempe experience. It's a shame since once these original structures are gone, we can never get them back.
16. Incentives to keep historic resources are important. Our history is valuable so we should invest to keep our historic buildings.
17. It is critical to keep the diverse buildings built over the decades. Just as the diversity of people is essential, the diversity of built environment enriched our lives.
18. It seems that the City, especially the permit office, is pushing against historic preservation efforts in Downtown Tempe by recommending the declassification of the historic designation for easier permit attainments for homeowners, but generously awarding permits for historic home teardowns for multifamily residential development in their place.
19. It would be cool to emulate the Arts & Culture Plan process and engage the community within for the new historical preservation plan process - it was a great way to build awareness, empower the community and tap diverse perspectives. Thanks for the city's concern, for all the hard work the preservation office and commission do and tolerating these comments.
20. Neighborhood character is the most important thing to me. I would prefer more commercial areas to pay homage to the cities history and to not tear down historical buildings, but ultimately, the neighborhoods are where we all live. We chose it for the character, and it's not okay to pull the rug out from under people who chose to live in, commit to and grow that character.
21. Once it's torn down it's never coming back.
22. Once you become a historic home, there are only restrictions in place and no incentives. For simple maintenance of the home you have to either incur additional costs or emotional labor to keep the historic designation with no promise that the home wont be torn down eventually. Or you can just easily remove the historic designation - which will rapidly result in the loss of historic property.
23. Please work to maintain character of these old neighborhoods. Scale down projects within the interior of residential neighborhoods. Maintain and preserve historic buildings.
24. Preserving culture, heritage, and history should not be positioned as the opposite of progress. This is often done by developers or policy makers, even the public. Rather, all progress should embrace and promote culture, heritage, and history.
25. Sadly, as I mentioned previously, the City cares little about history or real character, and the developers STILL run the show - no matter who is elected to office. Also, city staffers are mostly supportive of developers and are not

- helpful or forthcoming to residents when it comes to process (info not proffered - must ask, and ask. And ask)
26. Some regulations add excessive expense to improvement projects. Carefully planting a tree will not damage the cultural significance of most sites; keep the archaeological oversight limited to significant projects.
 27. Tempe City Council must proactively support historic preservation with both funding and policy sufficient to counter the extreme development pressure that is destroying the historic dimension of our built environment. That is what sets our community apart as a unique place.
 28. Tempe has grown a lot recently, which is great for new projects along Tempe Town Lake and the surrounding area, but other neighborhoods seem to be left behind. I think by working to assist historic property owners and their surrounding neighborhoods - that you will accomplish more with incentives and consultation than you will with rules and demands. By being realistic and being collaborative about historic preservation and safe neighborhoods - I think that the history of Tempe can be a shining star rather than an afterthought or burden.
 29. Tempe is a special place and all efforts to recognize and preserve its unique history and culture should be prioritized.
 30. There should be more open to public with supervision
 31. Too much of Tempe is being lost to corporate development.
 32. We should balance the amount of history and prehistory we present and honor those who came before we implemented political spaces on a map.
 33. What types of projects and places could become future historical sites? Many cities have intentionally left lasting legacies for future generations through careful planning. What type of projects would we build today that would make people proud 200 years from now?
 34. With the current lack of incentives and only restrictions, there is little hope of preserving historic residences in Tempe. Home owners are forced to choose between additional costs and restrictions with no guarantee that the home is protected in the future, or removing the historic designation from their home so that they can maintain it. The current system is all stick, and no carrot, and it isn't working.