

Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712
February 13, 2008 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared. Those in attendance were:

Elaine Hill, Committee Member; in the absence of Larry Hecker, Elaine Hill chaired the meeting
Frank McClure, Committee Member
Anne Woosley, Committee Member
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member
David Yubeta, Committee Member
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson
Norma Stevens, City of Tucson
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson
Loy Neff, Pima County
Simon Herbert, Pima County
Judy Clinco, Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association
Jerry Rothbaum, Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association
R.G. Cooke, visitor

2. **Review of the January 9, 2008 minutes**

Peggy Sackheim moved that the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting be accepted; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

3. **Work Plan: Project Status Reports**

a. **COT, Project Status Updates**

i. **Environmental update**

Jim Conroy reported that the City is waiting on a permit from the Arizona Department of Water Resources to proceed with the abandonment of the wells. The concern exists that whatever is in the wells could affect the aquifer. Lynne Birkinbine, Environmental Services, expects to have the permit in 10 days. The wells should be capped by the next meeting in March.

The other item of concern involved the discovery of 21 additional areas of contaminated soil (lead, petroleum), so the soil sampling has continued. Plans are to excavate two feet down in the areas of contaminated soil, resulting in a great deal of soil removal. Birkinbine to provide a map at the next meeting to help visualize where the contaminated areas are located. Loy Neff added that the ongoing contract has made provision with the archaeological monitoring of these excavations.

ii. **Other COT updates**

None

b. County, Project Status Updates:

i. Master Plan: Update on Procurement process

Loy Neff announced the award of contract to Corky Poster Frost and Associates as the master plan consultant. This was brought before the Pima County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, February 12th and was approved. As part of the procurement process the next phase is to finalize the contract (negotiation, including budget and funding) and once have a finalized fully executed contract, then the notice to proceed will be issued. As part of the schedule for the master plan (scope of work) looking at a 12 month time period for the master planning process at time of notice to proceed.

ii. Other County updates

Homer Thiel is working on the final revisions to the cultural resources inventory report, including maps, to be delivered in February. These documents and maps will provide resources to the master planning consultant.

Simon Herbert reported that the building conditions assessment reports have been completed, are at the print shop, and are due this week or next week.

4. New Business

a. Discussion and comments: Fort Lowell Day Celebration, February 9, 2008: COT and County participation, Adkins parcels

Elaine Hill expressed a big thank you to the city and county from the neighborhood. The event was a huge success. Simon Herbert acknowledged the city for their contributions of supplies, including the tent. Jim Conroy commented on the cooperation between the neighborhood, city and county. Loy Neff solicited comments from the representatives of the neighborhood association regarding anything they would like to see done differently next year.

b. Discussion: Advisory Committee's goals and expectations of the future role and involvement of the Master Plan consultant

Loy Neff began by explaining that the rules of the procurement process dictate that until the contract is finalized discussion cannot take place about the nature of the selection process, including the ranking of the other firms placing bids. Members were encouraged to suggest ways the consultant can interact with the neighborhood. One suggestion is for the consultant to be involved in next year's Fort Lowell Day celebration. Other ideas included:

- Inviting Poster Frost to attend this group's meetings
- Inviting Poster Frost to attend the county and city monthly staff meetings.

Ideas were solicited for using the existing contract with Poster Frost through the restoration planning component regarding a longer term protective structure over officer's quarters #3 which is at the greatest risk. Although temporary protective measures have been taken, it may be another two to three years before that portion of the master plan can be implemented.

Considered would be an exterior restoration, and structural repairs that are necessary, internally as well. David Yubeta strongly recommended that when approaching the integrity of a building, be careful. Yubeta added that the working relationship with the consultant, including accessibility, needs to be better defined.

b. Discussion and take Action: Schedule of Future Advisory Committee meetings (ACTION)

David Yubeta moved that the monthly meetings of the Ft. Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee be moved to the second Wednesday of the month; seconded by Frank McClure. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting is March 12th.

5. **Call to the public**

Nobody spoke.

6. **Items for next meeting**

Poster Frost presentation and discussion

Map regarding the environmental issues (Lynne Birkinbine, COT Environmental Services)

7. **Adjournment**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.