

**Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712**  
**March 12, 2008 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared. Those in attendance were:

Larry Hecker, Committee Chair  
Elaine Hill, Committee Member  
Frank McClure, Committee Member  
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member  
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member  
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson  
Norma Stevens, City of Tucson  
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson  
Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson  
Loy Neff, Pima County  
Linda Mayro, Pima County  
Simon Herbert, Pima County  
Jerry Rothbaum, Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association  
Bill Anderson, Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association  
Corky Poster, Poster Frost Assoc.  
Drew Gorski, Poster Frost Assoc.

2. **Review of the February 13, 2008 minutes**

Frank McClure moved that the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting be accepted with the following correction:

- In the absence of Larry Hecker, Elaine Hill chaired the meeting; seconded by Patsy Waterfall. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**a. COT, Project Status Updates**

**i. Environmental update**

Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson Environmental Services, reported that the final results of the initial soil sampling were completed and a copy of the report had been provided to the county and Mr. Frost of Poster Frost Associates, Inc. The report indicated where the hot spots (contamination) were, essentially lead and hydrocarbons (oil). The next step will be to delineate how deep and widespread the contamination is and determine the amount of soil that must be removed. Much of the contamination was found around the shop area and next to the officer's quarters (standing) where oil products were dumped into the cesspool.

As mentioned two months ago, a plan still exists to apply for an EPA Brownfield Clean-up grant for \$200,000 in the fall, 2008. If successful, the grant will be awarded

in spring, 2009, and money would be available in the fall of 2009 for the actual clean-up.

Regarding the issue of well abandonment, the City had met with the contractor about moving the existing windmill (tower only), but it may not withstand the move. A decision will be made once the master plan process begins. The consultant has been given the notice to proceed on the next step involving the abandonment of the site which can take a couple of months.

**ii. Other COT updates**

None

**b. County, Project Status Updates:**

**i. BCAs & Cultural Resources Inventory**

Simon Herbert, Pima County, distributed copies of the building condition assessment reports. The larger copy includes the three officer's quarters and the smaller one is the Adkins's residence. These will serve as the basis for recommendations for the long-term use of the property as it relates to the entire Fort Lowell Park.

Loy Neff announced that Desert Archaeology had completed refining the cultural resources inventory report and the final editing of the mapping and GIS portion of that document. Delivery of the final product is due Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ii. Introduction to Master Plan Consultant: Poster Frost Associates, Inc.**

**4. New Business**

**a. Fort Lowell Master Plan Presentation**

Loy Neff introduced Corky Poster and Drew Gorsky of Poster Frost and Associates, Inc., the master planning consultant. A presentation of the firm's involvement with this project was given and questions taken from the audience following the presentation.

**5. Call to the public**

Jerry Rothbaum expressed his dissatisfaction with the seating arrangement as he has difficulty hearing.

**6. Items for next meeting**

Scope of work, project schedule and milestones

Discussion and action, if any, regarding the annexation of the Adkins's property into the City historic district

**7. Adjournment**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.