

Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712
May 14, 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
Norma Stevens, City of Tucson
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson
Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson
Simon Herbert, Pima County
Loy Neff, Pima County
Jon Mirto, Poster Frost Assoc.

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

Frank McClure moved that the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting be accepted; seconded by Elaine Hill and passed unanimously.

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

a. **COT, Project Status Updates**

i. **Annexation of Adkins Parcels into Fort Lowell Historic District**

No report as Jonathan Mabry was not in attendance. Dr. Mabry will report on this at next month's meeting.

ii. **Other COT updates**

Jim Conroy, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, reported on a proposal to erect a nine foot tall bronze statue of an Apache warrior as part of the restoration project. David Faust, Arizona Historical Society, Fort Lowell Museum, explained how the idea originated and passed around a picture of the three foot clay model. The artist is Dan Bates. Conroy added that county and city staffs are adamant that this idea had to be integrated into the master plan process and not two parallel projects occurring at the same time. Loy Neff, Pima County, felt that this idea should be introduced into the entire public process component of the master plan project as directed by Poster Frost and Associates and considered within the context. The project will be privately endowed.

Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson Environmental Services, reported that the results of the soil contamination testing have not been completed. Work has begun on the grant, and support letters from various agencies will be needed. The amount of money that will be requested has not yet been determined.

b. County, Project Status Updates:

i. Cultural Resources Inventory

Loy Neff, Pima County, distributed the final report of the Cultural Resources Inventory for the Adkins parcel. This report includes the revisions that had been requested. Homer Thiel of Desert Archaeology will continue working on a broader scale report as new information becomes available. This report has now been incorporated into the existing contract.

ii. Other County updates – Simon Herbert had nothing to report.

b. Poster Frost Associates (PFA), Master Plan Status Updates

i. Notice to Proceed (NTP) issued

Jon Mirto of Poster Frost reported that the Notice to Proceed (NTP) had been received and the background report started. An abbreviated “Proposed Work Schedule – Ft. Lowell Park MP – May 7, 2008” was distributed, outlining scopes and frames and breaking down the three main tasks for the project. The background report involves collecting and organizing information. The next stage is the development of three alternative plans, representing a range of ideas, and ending up with a combination of ideas. This then leads to the development of a feasibility study, writing a business plan, and finally the restoration plan.

Mirto suggested holding a visioning workshop in June prior to the first public meeting. Stakeholders and other interested parties would be invited and feedback gathered (brainstorming), so that the design team can better understand the issues. The second public meeting includes the presentation of the alternative concept plans and the third meeting the preferred alternative concept plan. Monthly updates to the committee would continue throughout the year.

Loy Neff, Pima County, suggested that potential invitees to the visioning session be submitted to Corky Poster and Poster would compile and distribute the list as well as some possible dates. The date of June 18th would be the starting point.

4. New Business

a. PFA -- Fort Lowell Master Plan

Covered under 3c. i. and ii.

5. Call to the public

R.G. Cooke commented favorably on the work the committee is doing.

6. Items for next meeting (June 11)

Visioning meeting

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

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.