

**Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712**  
**October 8, 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:

Larry Hecker, Committee Chair  
Elaine Hill, Committee Member  
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member  
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member  
Anne Woosley, Committee Member  
Midge Irwin, City of Tucson  
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson  
Simon Herbert, Pima County  
Drew Gorski, Poster Frost Assoc.  
Corky Poster, Poster Frost Assoc.

2. **Review of the September 10, 2008 minutes (ACTION)**

Patsy Waterfall moved that the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting be accepted; seconded by Elaine Hill and passed unanimously.

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

a. **COT, Project Status Updates**

i. **Environmental Cleanup – Brownfields Cleanup Grant**

Midge Irwin, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, reported that Lynne Birkinbine completed the draft which will be emailed to members prior to submission. Comments need to be submitted by October 31. A public meeting is scheduled for October 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the San Pedro Chapel.

ii. **Adkins parcels – COT Rezoning**

Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson, announced that the mailing for the public meeting had gone out, notifying residents within 300 feet of the parcel in addition to all of the neighborhood associations within a mile radius. That neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Chapel. The next step will be the submission of the rezoning application. A second mailing will then go out, notifying the residents and associations of the date for the Zoning Examiner's hearing.

iii. **Other COT updates**

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation is waiting on an estimate from Environmental Strategies for the environmental remediation of the Donaldson House. The survey of the entire property should be completed by the end of November.

**b. County, Project Status Updates**

**i. Officer's Quarters condition update**

Simon Herbert, Pima County, reported that the concerns for the deterioration of the Officer's Quarters would be addressed shortly and could possibly be included in the upcoming adobe repair workshop. The costs of the boundary survey are being incorporated into the Poster Frost and Associates contract.

**ii. Other County updates** – no additional updates.

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

**i. Master Plan update**

Corky Poster and Drew Gorski said that the next step in the process is to come forward with three different planning concepts for the park. By pushing the differences between the alternatives a real discussion ensues and allows people with different views to make an argument for their ideas. Next, a set of criteria is developed with the goal of reaching a consensus. Examples of the three concepts were distributed and discussed. Larry Hecker commented on the prospective street closures; other comments included:

- Traffic analysis and a land bridge with trees
- Street alignments
- Impacts on archaeological sites and mitigation costs
- Historic building markings
- Security
- Parking
- Reconstruction impacts on actual historic remains
- Impacts on recreation
- Exhibits showing existing uses
- Alternative park concepts
- Need for more recreational fields

**ii. Donaldson House update** – covered under 3.a.i.

**iii. Other PFA updates** -- none

**4. New Business**

**a. Master Plan Public Meeting No. 2 (ACTION)**

**i. Schedule & venue** -- Peggy Sackheim moved that the meeting be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00. Midge Irwin will check if the Udall Park Senior Center is available; seconded by Elaine Hill. Motion passed.

**ii. Meeting overview** -- Two components will include the presence of an economic consultant and an overlay, showing the existing site.

**b. Proposed Adobe Workshop at Fort Lowell Day Celebration, February 14, 2009**

Simon Herbert distributed a preliminary schedule for the Adobe Workshop. Herbert pointed out the disclaimer on the second page, under Preliminary Planned Accomplishments, “**Note:** The exact details of the workshop, and the work planned for the historic adobe structures are subject to further advisor and design team discussion, and consultation and approval from SHPO.” This workshop will be designed carefully so that the work sufficiently dovetails the Master Plan long-term repair work included in the planning process. Assisting will be Poster Frost and Crocker Associates. Saturday will

be dedicated to the public demonstration and participation. The following week's work will be open to National Park Service and local staff.

**c. Fort Lowell Presentation at AZ Historic Preservation Conference, June 18-20, 2009, in Phoenix**

Herbert announced that the county is proposing to make several presentations, one of which will be the master plan for Fort Lowell.

5. **Call to the public** — no one spoke.

6. **Items for next meeting** — Elaine Hill suggested coordination with Old Fort Lowell Day on February 14, 2009. Next meeting is November 12, 2008.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.