

Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712
January 10, 2008 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.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
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson
Simon Herbert, Pima County
Loy Neff, Pima County
Drew Gorski, Poster Frost Assoc.
Corky Poster, Poster Frost Assoc.
Rebecca Field, Sage Landscaping (sub-consultant to PFA)

2. **Field Trip Itinerary: Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, Presidio San Agustín del Tucson, Julian Wash Cultural Resources Park**

a. San Pedro Chapel: Group members arrived at San Pedro Chapel between 8:30-9:00a.m.

Acting Chair Elaine Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. The group departed for Brandi Fenton Memorial Park at 9:07a.m. Transportation provided by COT. Jim Conroy drove COT van.

b. Brandi Fenton Memorial Park: Arrived at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, 9:17a.m. Simon Herbert provided a brief overview of the park, with a focus on historic component: buildings and structures. Jim Conroy commented on park recreation facilities and dog park. Corky Poster provided comments on recreational uses and historic preservation and adaptive re-uses of historic buildings on park premises. Group engaged in open discussion.

Departed for Presidio San Agustín del Tucson, approximately 10:10a.m.

c. Presidio San Agustín del Tucson: Arrived approximately 10:25a.m. Peg Weber of the Presidio provided a walking tour of the facility. Jonathan Mabry provided commentary on the archaeology and history of the Presidio, Jim Conroy provided information on operations.

This was a Living History Day, with historical interpreters engaged in 18th century activities, including military drills (cannon firing ceremony), handcrafts, storytelling, etc.

Poster Frost provided commentary and the group engaged in open discussion.

Departed the Presidio approximately 11:30a.m.

d. Diamond Ventures Resource Campus: Unscheduled stop, with approval of Committee chair and Committee members, at Diamond Ventures Resource Campus: arrived approximately 11:40a.m. Group briefly viewed public sculptures depicting archaeological artifacts placed in plaza. Group discussed statuary as alternative interpretive approach for archaeological resources.

Departed approximately 11:50a.m.

e. Julian Wash Cultural Resources Park: Arrived approximately 12:00p.m. Group toured the Julian Wash Cultural History Walk path. Park is approximately 4 acres within the Julian Wash archaeological site preserve. Comments provided by Jonathan Mabry about the archaeological and historic resources of the Julian Wash site, including Early Agricultural and Hohokam period prehistoric resources. Also interpreted at the park is the historic Saint Joseph's Children's Home, an orphanage that was on this site in the early twentieth century. The Park interprets historic and modern Native Americans, including the Pascua Yaqui Community in the area, dating to 1936. Poster Frost provided comments and the group engaged in open discussion of the interpretive approach to the prehistoric and historic resources.

Departed 12:15p.m. and returned to San Pedro Chapel

3. **Adjournment**

The next Committee meeting schedule was previously set for January 14, 2009. This meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.