

**Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee  
Meeting  
5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712  
January 14, 2009 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Larry Hecker, Committee Chair  
Elaine Hill, Committee Member  
Frank McClure, Committee Member  
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member  
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member  
David Yubeta, Committee Member  
Anne Woosley, Committee Member  
Nancy Petersen, City of Tucson  
Lisa Cuestas, City of Tucson  
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson  
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson  
Norma Stevens, City of Tucson  
Linda Mayro, Pima County  
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)  
Bruce Hilpert (sub-consultant to PFA)  
Ily Urban, Neighborhood Resident  
Robert Cooke, Neighborhood Resident

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

Elaine Hill moved that the minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting be accepted; seconded by Peggy Sackheim and passed unanimously.

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

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

i. **Master Plan**

Corky Poster informed the members that the planning process is at the stage where guidance is desperately needed on the preliminary proposal, including specific recommendations. Prior to the next public meeting on February 18, Poster suggested moving this committee's meeting up one week in order to do a pre-preview presentation. One concern is how to avoid trying to tell too many stories. Packets distributed included questions of the four treatments:

1. The basic character of the fort,
2. Center of the site is a multi-use area, involving consolidating the ball fields and restoring the nature of the pecan grove,
3. Defining the heart of the park, and

4. Switching the maintenance buildings to the orchard area.

Consultant Bruce Hilpert reported on the work he had done with youth focus groups and the preservation approach he implemented for encouraging these groups to talk about issues and responding to survey questions.

- ii. **Other PFA updates** – there were none.

- b. COT, Project Status Updates**

- i. Adobe Repair Workshop at Fort Lowell Day Celebration, February 14, 2009**

Jim Conroy expressed thanks to David Yubeta for heading the workshop. Four to five city/county staff will also be involved.

- ii. Adkins parcels – COT Rezoning status: Fort Lowell Historic Preservation Zone overlay**

Jonathan Mabry announced that the public hearing is scheduled for Mayor and Council on February 3, 2009.

- iii. Other COT Updates** – Jim Conroy reported that the estimate for stabilization work of the Donaldson House was approved by the City Manager's office. Construction work is scheduled to begin next week.

- c. County, Project Status Updates**

- i. Comments on Adobe Repair Workshop at Fort Lowell Day Celebration**

Simon Herbert continued discussion on the relocation of the February 14<sup>th</sup> workshop to the hospital ruins because of the contaminants identified in the vicinity of the Officer's Quarters. Nancy Petersen, deputy director of Environmental Services, added that the Arizona Department of Health Services recommends that no public be allowed on the site until the clean-up is completed. Environmental Services has submitted the EPA Brownfields grant application for \$200,000 and has obligated an additional \$180,000.00 in match funds to be used in concert with the EPA grant monies towards this effort.

- iii. Cultural Resources inventory of Historic Fort Lowell Park**

Loy Neff added that the ongoing cultural resources inventory and assessment has been expanded to include the over all Historic Fort Lowell Park, and that the archaeological consultant will contribute an archaeological and historic context chapter to the Master Plan Background Information Report.

- iv. Other County updates** – there were none.

- 4. New Business**

- a. Master Plan -- Public Meeting No. 3**

- i. Schedule & venue – February 18, 2009, 6-8 pm, Udall Park, Carol W. West Senior Addition** -- discussed under 3.a.i.

- ii. Meeting overview** – discussed under 3.a.i.

- b. Other new business** – there was none.

- 5. Call to the public**

Citizen R.G. Cooke (Bob) agreed with Anne Woosley's recommendation that a new museum be built instead of renovating an older building. The bottom line is saving money.

6. **Items for next meeting** — Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.