

Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting

5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712

April 13, 2011, 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum of the Committee was present. Those in attendance (and signed in) were:

Elaine Hill (Committee Member & Acting Committee Chair)

Peggy Sackheim (Committee Member)

Frank McClure (Committee Member)

Patsy Waterfall (Committee Member)

Anne Woosley (Committee Member)

Lynne Birkinbine (City of Tucson)

Lisa Cuestas (City of Tucson)

Simon Herbert (Pima County)

Loy Neff (Pima County)

Cindy Sylvester (Pima County)

Jon Mirto (Poster Frost Mirto)

Corky Poster (Poster Frost Mirto)

Midge Irwin (City of Tucson)

Jonathan Mabry (City of Tucson)

Pat Hartshorne (SCS Engineers)

Bill Anderson (OFLNA)

Barry Spicer (Neighborhood Resident)

Bob Jones (Neighborhood Resident)

Tamiyo Morishita (Neighborhood Resident)

2. (Action) Review of Meeting Minutes: January 19 meeting

Frank McClure moved to approve the minutes of the January 19 meeting. Patsy Waterfall seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Work Plan: Project Status Reports.

a. COT, Project Status Updates

i. EPA Grant Environmental Clean Up Project.

Lynne Birkinbine reported on the status of the EPA Grant Environmental Clean Up Project. This consultation is ongoing. Lisa Cuestas indicated that Tribal notices had been sent out for 30 day review. Ten responses have been received so far. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be drafted after Tribal responses are in. The revisions requested by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to the Treatment Plan have been made, and a Burial Agreement has been negotiated with ASM. It is possible that all necessary approvals will be in place by June, however it is being recommended that work not start until September because of the Monsoon season, which could negatively impact archaeological recovery work.

ii. No other COT updates.

b. County, Project Status Updates

i. Simon Herbert, Pima County, introduced Cindy Sylvester, Pima County, who is the Facilities Management (FM) Project Manager for the project. Cindy explained her role as architectural manager; working with PFM with the design, and OCRHP. Cindy gave a summary of the budget, indicating we had a little less than \$1.1 million. A Project Cost Model (summary) sheet was passed around, and the various project costs explained. During the Design Phase, Cindy will be attending meetings, and as the Construction Phase approaches, a county Facilities Management Project Manager will be assigned to monitor the construction contract and work.

ii. Loy Neff Pima County, explained that the county has a contract in place to cover archaeological work during the construction. It is hoped the COT archaeological treatment plan can be emulated for use.

iii. No other County updates.

c. Poster Frost Mirto, Project Status Updates

i. Corky Poster (Poster Frost Mirto) announced Drew Gorski's departure from PFM, and introduced Jon Mirto, (Partner with PFM) as his replacement on the project. Drew Gorski's significant contributions to the Fort Lowell Project were acknowledged.

ii. Jon provided hand-outs for the committee, which included a summary of intended improvements, and a schedule. It was explained that there would be two parallel tracks of design work, to coincide with milestones in COTs soil clean-up project. The intent was to minimize time delays in the schedule. Design will proceed with the intent to have everything ready for construction by the time COT has completed clean-up in September or October 2011. Further design work for the infrastructure and parking lot can then begin after the ground has been surveyed. Buildings and possible work plans were described. It was stressed that design work would be progress in coordination with COT. How the project is divided up has yet to be determined, but will likely include packaging of Bid-Alternatives for the contractor to bid on.

iii. Corky explained that our understanding of what is possible to build is moving from "murky" to "clear" as the design moves forward and possible costs are known. Work will focus on Officers' Quarters No. 3, with some combination of the other Officers' Quarters, the Adkins House, parking needs, infrastructure development, and landscaping. By August, 2011, PFM planned to have the drawings to 100%, and ready to go out to bid.

iv. Cindy Sylvester explained that the county was in the process of establishing a special Job Order Contractor (JOC) for historic-related work, and the Fort Lowell construction work (Adkins) would be drawn from this list.

v. In answer from Elaine Hill about future Fort Lowell funding, Loy replied that the next bond election (whenever that would be) currently still had an approved request of \$5 million.

vi. Simon asked that the team keep in mind that there would be questions from the OFLNA regarding site accessibility for the annual Fort Lowell event scheduled for February, 2012.

vii. In response to a question about timing for the one public meeting, Corky Poster replied that they would look at this more closely, but tentatively they were looking at possibly September as a time when the design was far enough along to present.

- d. **New Business: None**
- 5. **Call to the public – No response from the public in attendance.**
- 6. **(Action) Items and schedule for the next meeting.**
 - a. **After discussion among staff and Advisory Committee, Patsy Waterfall moved that the next quarterly meeting be scheduled for July 13, 2011. Peggy Sackheim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 7. **Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.**