



FORT LOWELL RESTORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

c/o PIMA COUNTY OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC PRESERVATION
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September 30, 2009

The Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson
255 W. Alameda St.
City Hall, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 West Congress Street, 11th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Recommendation to Accept the Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park

Dear Mayor Walkup and Members of the City Council of the City of Tucson, and Chairman Elias and Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

The Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee (FLRAC) is pleased to recommend to you the Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park. This committee was constituted in 2007 under the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County (County) to oversee the development of the Historic Fort Lowell Master Plan and Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park. The historic architecture and planning firm, Poster Frost Associates, was contracted to develop the Master Plan and Preservation Plan. Funding from the 2004 Pima County Bond #CR4.04, Fort Lowell Acquisition and San Pedro Chapel, was used to acquire the Adkins Property on the west side of the park, containing the remains of several significant fort-period adobe structures. The Preservation Plan provides detailed guidance for implementing the appropriate conservation, preservation, and rehabilitation treatments at the fort-period adobe structures and other components of the historic fort contained within the Adkins Parcel.

The City acquired the Adkins Property with County assistance in 2006, launching a sustained and strong partnering effort in support of the planning process. The FLRAC recognizes the significant financial and in-kind resources contributed by the City and the County to assist with the completion of planning goals and commends them for working closely together throughout this challenging endeavor. While future County Bond funding is anticipated to support implementation of the Fort Lowell Master Plan, County Bond ordinance (No. 2004-18) and the IGA require that the existing 2004 County Bond funds will be used to implement the Restoration Plan, on the historic adobe buildings and other resources on the former Adkins Property.

Under the guidance of the FLRAC, which has met monthly since August, 2007, Poster Frost Associates have undertaken a focused public planning effort, resulting in the final Historic Fort Lowell Park Master Plan, which was approved by the FLRAC on June 24, 2009 and is also submitted for review and acceptance by the City Mayor and Council and County Chairman and Board of Supervisors.

In a noticed meeting on September 30, 2009, the FLRAC engaged in final consideration and discussion of the Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park. After a final review, the committee members approved the Plan. There have been no additional responses. Therefore, the FLRAC gives approval to present the Plan to the City Mayor and Council and County Chairman and Board of Supervisors and recommends that they approve the Plan for implementation.

The FLRAC strongly believes in the importance of the Preservation Plan for the Adkins Parcel at Fort Lowell Park in contributing to an improved and invigorated Historic Fort Lowell Park and in telling all the stories of prehistory and history of the area, within the context of the southern Arizona region and through the primary interpretive lens of the Historic Fort Lowell period.

Sincerely,



Larry Hecker, Chair
Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee

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