

**Minutes of the Fort Lowell Restoration Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**5230 E. Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712**  
**June 11, 2008 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum declared. Those in attendance were:

Larry Hecker, Committee Chair  
Elaine Hill, Committee Member  
Frank McClure, Committee Member  
Peggy Sackheim, Committee Member  
Patsy Waterfall, Committee Member  
Anne Woosley, Committee Member  
David Yubeta, Committee Member  
Jim Conroy, City of Tucson  
Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson  
Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson  
Norma Stevens, City of Tucson  
Simon Herbert, Pima County  
Drew Gorski, Poster Frost Assoc.  
Corky Poster, Poster Frost Assoc.

2. **Review of the May 14, 2008 minutes (ACTION)**

Patsy Waterfall moved that the minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting be accepted; seconded by Elaine Hill and passed unanimously.

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

a. **COT, Project Status Updates**

i. **Annexation of Adkins Parcels into Fort Lowell Historic District (ACTION)**

Jonathan Mabry, City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office, distributed a handout summarizing the rezoning process for the Adkins parcel. This could take between 4-6 months to complete. Mabry encouraged the committee and/or neighborhood association(s) approaches their council office and requests the rezoning so that it can be put on the mayor and council agenda. Elaine Hill and the Historic District Committee plan to meet with Rodney Glassman, Ward 2, so will bring up the rezoning issue. Motion made by Anne Woosley and seconded by Patsy Waterfall to deputize Elaine Hill and Peggy Sackheim to get the process started by meeting with Council Member Rodney Glassman. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. **Environmental Cleanup – Brownfields Cleanup Grant update**

Lynne Birkinbine, City of Tucson Environmental Services, reported that final soil testing results are not complete. Birkinbine announced that since there will probably be a clean-up, support letters for the EPA's \$200,000 Brownfields grant need to be generated by the committee, neighborhood, historic district, and council member explaining what the committee is doing, what the process and goals are, and stating that this committee is part of that goal. An example of a letter was distributed. A

clean-up grant allows a planning process and determination of what is the best thing to do. Once the EPA announces their guidelines there are 90 days to complete the grant request.

**iii. Boundary survey**

Jim Conroy, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, reported that an estimate for the boundary survey had been received in the amount of \$20,000; County would pick up \$2,600 which is the 5.5 acres of the Adkins property and the City would pick up the remainder of the cost. This is not a budgeted item. Plans are to get the survey done in the next six weeks.

**iv. Apache bronze status update**

Jim Conroy informed the members that John Welch, recognized as an authority with the Apache, has expressed an interest to work with Poster Frost and Assoc., knowing that this Apache bronze must be part of the master planning process. Jonathan Mabry announced that he had received a draft of Welch's proposed consultation process and felt that the ensuing fundraising efforts needed to include these consultation costs as well. Conroy said the group pushing for the statue knows to hold off any fundraising until the idea has a chance to work through the initial process. Mabry added that it is a good idea to have a chance to consult with the Apache tribe on the overall master plan because of the importance that the Fort played. It was the base of operations for the Apache campaigns. Mabry continued to say that plans to meet with Linda Mayro and Pima County cultural resources parties have included internal discussions as to the development of a consultation plan.

Note: Larry Hecker departed but a quorum remained.

**v. Other COT updates – there were none.**

**b. County, Project Status Updates:**

**i. County updates**

Simon Herbert announced that he and Loy Neff will be adding additional information regarding the Adkins parcel to the county website, including progress and other relevant information. Elaine Hill added that a link to the Fort Lowell Neighborhood could also be added.

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

**i. Project update**

Corky Poster introduced an associate, Drew Gorski, and a consultant, Bruce Hilpert, part of the interpretive team. Poster announced that the contract had been signed as well as contracts with all the sub-consultants. Work had begun on an extensive background report which will be presented at the first public meeting in August.

**ii. Visioning Workshop planning**

A draft for the first visioning workshop, scheduled for Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, was distributed and included a list of prospective participants. The purpose will be to focus the attention of people who don't need a lot of facts or updates, but have lots to

say and have lots of ideas initially about the project. To be answered are the following:

- Is this a good idea?
- Does the time and place work?
- What about the invitation list?

Digital notes will be taken on a computer and projected onto a screen. There will be a brief introduction of the project and an historical work timeline. No facts on Fort Lowell Park will be presented at this time. Poster Frost will send out invitations. A directory of consultants will be distributed to the committee members prior to the visioning workshop.

**iii. Other Master Plan updates** – there were none.

4. **New Business**

**a. PFA – Fort Lowell Master Plan**

Covered under 3c.i. and ii.

**b. COT Environmental Cleanup**

Covered under 3a.ii.

**c. Other new business** – there was none.

5. **Call to the public**

No one spoke.

6. **Items for next meeting**

Visioning workshop to be held June 25, 2008.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.