CHAPTER 22

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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2-22-1: CREATION OF COMMITTEE:

The Historic Preservation Committee is hereby created, consisting of seven (7) members who are residents of the City at large to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Chapter.* Members shall serve for three (3) years, except that the members of the first Committee shall serve as designated by the City Council for the following terms: three (3) members for one (1) year; two (2) members for two (2) years; and two (2) members for three (3) years.** Any vacancy shall be filled by the Mayor and City Council within a reasonable time after the vacancy occurs, for the unexpired term. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. (3373)

2-22-2: MEMBERSHIP:

Members of the Committee shall be selected from the areas of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, landscape architecture, archaeology, cultural geography or anthropology, or have demonstrated strong interest in past matters that involve historic preservation issues. (3373)

The Committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among its members annually. (3373)

The Committee shall adopt rules for the conduct of its business. The Committee may, in such rules, delegate certain responsibilities and/or tasks to be performed by a Subcommittee or Subcommittees of the Committee. (3373)

2-22-3: POWERS AND DUTIES:

The powers and duties of the Committee shall be as follows: (3373)

(A) Review and make recommendations on any matter or request or appeal that will appear on an agenda before the Downtown Development Committee or Planning and Zoning Board or City Council involving sites nominated or approved for Historic Landmark (HL) or Historic Preservation (HP) overlay district, or other matters involving general historic preservation issues as they pertain to Mesa. (3373)

(B) Hold public hearings and make recommendations to the Downtown Development Committee or Planning and Zoning Board on requests for amendments to the zoning map and Zoning Ordinance regarding Historic Preservation (HP) overlay districts and designation of Historic Landmarks (HL) within the corporate City limits. (3373)

(C) Hear and decide appeals from the decisions of the Historic Preservation Officer regarding proposed development, renovation, additions, alterations, or demolition of buildings and structures or sites designated or nominated Historic Landmark (HL) or within Historic Preservation (HP) overlay districts for the purpose of deciding whether clearance for a building permit should be issued. The review shall be limited to building size, scale, exterior elevation, design, color, and appearance to assure compatibility with the historic character of the property, neighborhood, and environment. (3373)

* Ordinance 3373 was adopted on July 21, 1997.
** Ordinance 3373 was amended by Ordinance 3390 on September 15, 1997 to state that subject to Council concurrence under Section 501(B) of the City Charter, the Mayor is free to appoint, or not, the members of the former Subcommittee to the new Committee.
(D) Establish and maintain the Mesa Historic Property Register and periodically conduct studies for the purpose of assessing the potential of buildings, structures, or areas for designation as historic sites or districts. (3373)

(E) Hear and/or make recommendations to the City Council and periodically review guidelines to evaluate requests for development, renovation, alteration to historic districts, landmarks, and historic properties, or demolition of buildings and structures on sites designated as historic districts or historic landmarks. Such guidelines may include building location, minimum yard sizes, average heights, materials, color, architectural features, and other characteristics and cultural features found in the approved district. (3373)

(F) Hear and/or make recommendations to the City Council regarding acquisition by the City of structures or easements for maintenance or repair of structures for their preservation, where private preservation is not feasible. (3373)

(G) Hear and/or make recommendations on other matters as directed by the City Council. (3373)