

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2009 MEETING**

The Historical Advisory Committee met on Friday, April 17, 2009, at Town Hall in the Small Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Committee members present: Chair Catherine Kauffman, Kathryn Gasser, Maureen Strom, Beth Wickstrom, Council Liaison Jini Simpson and Staff Liaison Natalie Montenegrino.

Ms. Wickstrom moved the minutes of the October 22, 2008 meeting be approved as submitted. Council Member Simpson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Simpson stated that she spoke with State Senator Adam Driggs who said that due to current economic conditions, the funds put aside for the State's centennial projects have been utilized elsewhere. He said that the plan is to solicit private funds for centennial projects.

Ms. Montenegrino stated that no funds have been budgeted for Historical Committee events for FY2009-2010. However, funds in contingency will be available if needed. There are no projects planned for the next fiscal year.

The Committee discussed the Town's 50th anniversary. Ms. Montenegrino stated that she ordered 500 lapel pins made for this occasion, since she had to order other pins for the Town and was able to purchase them all at a reduced cost.

Ms. Strom stated that the 50th anniversary brochure should focus on the history ("roots") and include photos of recent projects. Ms. Gasser suggested incorporating photos of the art exhibits, Relay for Life, vintage car show, the Goldwater Memorial, the new Montelucia Resort, the new McDonald/Tatum road improvements and the new fire stations.

It was suggested that the video of Ann Townsend's speech with excerpts from the book of *Interviews* be included in some way. Ms. Montenegrino stated that there is another video that was prepared by Shining Star Video and narrated by Rachel Sacco in the 1990's, titled "*Another Kind of Paradise*." Ms. Gasser suggested making copies of the videos on DVD as giveaways. Chair Kaufmann suggested that the Committee view both videos at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that a "vignette" be produced as a documentary, and include interviews with Town residents, such as Hugh Downs, Judd Herberger, Bil Keane, Robert and Louise McCall, Joan Lincoln, Paolo Soleri, and others. The title could be "Treasures of Paradise." Council Member Simpson said she will interview Bil Keane as soon as possible since he is getting on in years.

Ms. Wickstrom stated she will follow up with Earl Eisenhower, publisher of the Images of America book series, regarding the status of the Paradise Valley edition. The books are published by Arcadia Publishing, in partnership with the Arizona Historical Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The Committee agreed to meet again in October or November.