

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

CC: 13C  
Amend No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date prepared: September 24, 2009

Council Meeting Date: October 20, 2009

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**TO:** Carl Swenson, City Manager

**FROM:** Susan J. Daluddung, AICP, Deputy City Manager 

**THROUGH:** Glen Van Nimwegen, AICP, Community Development Director 

**THROUGH:** Chris Jacques, AICP, Planning Manager 

**PREPARED BY:** Melissa Sigmund, Planner

**SUBJECT:** Application for Peoria to be designated as a Preserve America Community  
Proposal to adopt a Resolution supporting the City of Peoria's application for designation of the City as a Preserve America Community and to protect and celebrate the City's heritage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Mayor and Council concur with the Historic Preservation Commission recommendation (7-0) and adopt the attached Resolution supporting the City of Peoria's application to the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for designation of the City as a Preserve America Community to protect and celebrate the City's heritage.

**SUMMARY:**

**Historic Preservation Commission Action:**

Designation as a Preserve America Community provides acknowledgement from the White House, national recognition, and would make the City eligible to apply for Preserve America grants that support the preservation of local history and culture through heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning activities.

On September 2, 2009, the Historic Preservation Commission voted (7-0), in favor of recommending approval of the attached resolution, supporting the application for the designation of the City as a Preserve America Community.

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**CITY CLERK USE ONLY:**

- Consent Agenda
- Carry Over to Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Approved
- Unfinished Business (Date heard previous: \_\_\_\_\_)
- New Business
- Public Hearing: No Action Taken

ORD. # \_\_\_\_\_ RES. # 09-116  
LCON# 09509 LIC. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Action Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report (9/2/09)
- Preserve America Application Form
- Draft Resolution

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009  
DRAFT**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Peoria, Arizona, convened at 8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria, AZ in open and public session at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Steve Poe, Vice Chairman Priscilla Cook, Commissioners Shelby Duplessis, Mark Hackbarth, Harold McKisson, Gary Nelson and Karen Garbe.

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Steve Burg, Assistant City Attorney, Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director, Chris Jacques, Planning Manager, Melissa Sigmund, Planner, and Bev Parcels, Planning Assistant.

**Opening Statement:** Read by Chris Jacques, Planning Manager.

Final call for speaker request forms.

**Audience:** Two.

Note: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed in the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine by the Historic Preservation Commission, and were enacted by one motion

**1C** **DISPOSITION OF ABSENCE:** None

**2C** **MINUTES:** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 17, 2009.

**Commission Action:** Vice Chairman Cook moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garbe and upon vote, carried unanimously.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 3R** **PEORIA LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK MARKER DESIGN:** Presentation and further discussion of potential draft design for an official City of Peoria Local Historic Landmark Marker.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Melissa Sigmund, Planner

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** Commissioner Nelson asked whether the marker was for local use or national use. He was told the marker was for local uses only.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Vice Chairman Cook moved to approve the draft design for an official City of Peoria Local Historic Landmark Marker. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and upon vote, carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEARINGS and/or ACTION:**

- 4R** **APPLICATION FOR PEORIA TO BECOME A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY:** The Community Development Department, on behalf of the City of Peoria is requesting the support of the Historic Preservation Commission to proceed with an application for designation of Peoria as a Preserve America Community.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Melissa Sigmund, Planner.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:** Questions were raised regarding grant funding being used for signage and clarification on the process and timeframe of approval by the Federal Government.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Commissioner Garbe moved to approve the request from the City to proceed with an application for designation of Peoria as a Preserve America Community. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion and upon vote, was carried unanimously.

**5R OSUNA APARTMENTS BRIEFING:** The Planning and Community Development Department on behalf of the City of Peoria provided a briefing on plans to have the site of the Osuna Apartments cleared in the near future. The Osuna Apartments are located at the southeast corner of Madison Street and 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and were purchased by the City of Peoria in 2008.

**STAFF REPORT:** Presented by Glen Van Nimwegen, Community Development Director.

**COMMISSION COMMENT:**

Questions were raised regarding –

- Plans for the site in the future.
- The neighbor to the east being notified of demolition.
- Recording the site on a historic or architectural level.
- Setbacks and the proposed footprint of the new buildings.
- The schedule and funding for the depression of Grand Avenue.
- Timeframe of Commuter Rail coming to Peoria.
- Plans for the empty Wal-Mart building.
- Plans for the empty Smitty's building.
- Information on the recent settlement with the Makebakken development.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** Discussion only, no action was required.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**REPORT FROM STAFF:** None.

**REPORT FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** Commissioner McKisson thanked the City for allowing him to attend a recent conference, Vice Chairman Cook asked the City to provide more focus on the Grand Avenue area, and Commissioner Hackbarth asked about the status of the Palo Verde Ruin site.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Historic Preservation Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Steve Poe, Chairman

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Date Signed



# **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

## **STAFF REPORT**

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**CASE:** Preserve America Application

**DATE:** September 2, 2009

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4R

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**Applicant:** City of Peoria

**Request:** Resolution supporting the application for the designation of the City as a Preserve America Community.

**Recommendation:** Recommend approval

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### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

#### *Preserve America Designation*

Based upon recommendations contained in the draft Old Town Peoria Revitalization Plan, staff has begun the process of completing application materials to request the designation of Peoria as a Preserve America Community.

Preserve America is a program of the Federal Government that encourages and supports communities in their efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage. Designation as a Preserve America Community provides a variety of benefits, including White House recognition, eligibility to apply for Preserve America grants, as well as Preserve America Community road signage and listing on the Preserve America website. The designation would allow the City of Peoria to visibly demonstrate its commitment to heritage preservation to its residents and people across the nation.

### **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The national recognition is held by over 750 communities across the nation, however only 10 Arizona communities hold this designation, 3 of which are located in central Arizona, and only one (Glendale), is located in the West Valley. This creates the opportunity for Peoria to distinguish itself as a leader in heritage preservation in the West Valley and in the Phoenix metro area as a whole.

While the distinction of designation alone carries benefits, the potential for receiving grant funding for heritage tourism activities make designation even more desirable. Preserve America grants provide matching funds of up to \$250,000 for economic and educational projects related to heritage tourism, such as interpretive signage or brochures, heritage tourism master plans, or historic resource surveys.

The application process for Preserve America designation requires documenting the steps that Peoria has already taken to preserve its heritage, as well as obtaining the support of the City Council to formally approve a resolution indicating the City's intention to become a Preserve America Community committed to heritage preservation. Staff has completed the documentation necessary for application (attached).

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the following findings:

- The request is consistent with the Historic Preservation Master Plan by supporting Goal A of the Plan, "Furthering Knowledge and Appreciation of the Community's History.
- The Historic Preservation Master Plan advances the General Plan by retaining the archaeological resources of Peoria and by identifying and preserving significant artifacts and archaeological features within the City.

It is recommended that the Historic Preservation Commission take the following action:

**Recommend approval** of a resolution supporting the application for the designation of the City as a Preserve America Community.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A 1-7      Preserve America primary application materials  
Exhibit B 1-2      Draft Resolution

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#### 4. DESIGNATION CRITERIA AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

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A. The community has supported (within the last three years) a historic or cultural preservation project that has promoted and/or is promoting heritage tourism or otherwise fostering economic vitality. The project must have involved a public-private partnership between government entities and at least one civic association, non-profit organization, or business enterprise. *(Please provide a written description of one specific project, documenting how it fulfills these requirements. Do not exceed 500 words.)*

B. The governing body of the community has recently adopted a resolution indicating its commitment to the preservation of its heritage assets. *(Please include a signed and dated copy of the resolution.)*

C. The community meets at least five of the criteria outlined below (with at least one from each specified category). *(Please check the criteria below under which you are seeking Preserve America Community designation. For each criterion, please provide a written description of no more than 250 words explaining how your community meets the criterion.)*

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- An ongoing, publicly available inventory of historic properties
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- A local governmental body, such as a board or a commission, charged with leading historic preservation activities within the community
- An adopted community-wide historic preservation plan that is being implemented
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**Category 3: Promoting Historic Assets**

- A local heritage tourism program or active participation in a regional program, with such promotional material as a walking/driving trail or tour itinerary, map of historic resources, etc.
- A regularly scheduled heritage observance or event
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D. Submit three to five images that show people using and enjoying your historic cultural and natural resources (CD with digital images scanned at a resolution of 300 dots per inch (dpi) or greater or 4" x 6" color photographs) and provide caption and credit information for each.

E. Provide approximately 100-200 words on the history of your community, including founding date, key events, evolution of the economy, and information on historic attractions not otherwise noted in the application. This information will be edited and incorporated into profiles of designated communities (for examples see [www.preserveamerica.gov/PACommunities.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/PACommunities.html)).

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**5. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIAL**

Written endorsements by preservation organizations, civic organizations, members of Congress, and other elected officials are encouraged. These should be addressed to Mr. Ronald D. Anzalone, Director, Office of Preservation Initiatives, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 803, Washington DC 20004. *(Please provide copies of any letters of endorsement.)*

Documenting participation in other nationwide preservation programs is encouraged. *(Please let us know if your community is a Certified Local Government, a Main Street Community, a recipient of funds under the Save America's Treasures program, or a recipient of Transportation Enhancements funding for historic preservation, etc.)*

Brochures, additional photos, reports, publications, etc. may be appended if desired.

**6. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION/LOGO USE AGREEMENT**

The undersigned gives the ACHP and the Preserve America Communities program absolute right to use, in whole and in part, all material submitted in furtherance of this application. All submitted materials become the property of Preserve America. Materials may be used in program activities, including publications and Web sites. Preserve America is given permission to make any editorial changes and/or additions to the subject material. The undersigned guarantees to have on file all necessary individual agreements and signatures to ensure Preserve America unencumbered use of all associated material.

I further acknowledge that, if designated a Preserve America Community, our community will be authorized to use the Preserve America logo or to refer to Preserve America solely for non-commercial purposes related to the promotion and public understanding of the Preserve America Community designation and the Preserve America initiative. I agree that the logo, or any reference to Preserve America, will not be used in for-profit commercial applications or ventures and acknowledge that the Preserve America logo is a registered trademark entitled to the legal protections attendant to such status. I further agree that any use of the Preserve America logo, or any reference to Preserve America, will be consistent with the stated purposes of the Preserve America Community designation and the Preserve America initiative. I further acknowledge that the authorizations described in this paragraph can be revoked at any time and for any reason by the ACHP.

**7. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

*The chief elected governing official of the community must sign and date this form. Signature must be original and in ink.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## **4.A. Historic or Cultural Preservation Project**

### **Peoria Center for the Performing Arts / Theater Works**

In February of 2007, 10 years of collaborative efforts between the City of Peoria and the non-profit organization Theater Works culminated in the opening performance held in the Peoria Center for the Performing Arts, a 20,000 square foot facility consisting of a 280 seat main auditorium, an 80-plus seat black box theater, classrooms, a lobby, dressing rooms, and backstage/administrative areas. This \$12.9 million state-of-the-art performing arts facility represents not only a tangible investment in cultural programming, but a substantial investment in the vitality of the City's Old Town area, the historic town center. Theater Works, in their new home at the Center for the Performing Arts, is located amidst local landmarks such as Peoria's first hotel and first jail in the heart of Old Town.

The City of Peoria was responsible for the financing and construction of this facility, while Theater Works contributed \$200,000 towards capital and operations expenses. Theater Works entered into a 20-year lease as the anchor tenant of the Center for the Performing Arts, helping to assure that it will remain a vibrant focal point of the community for years to come.

This partnership has resulted in a number of positive economic impacts for Old Town and greater Peoria. Over 50,000 people attend the theater annually, and this number continues to grow. Theater patrons are drawn into Old Town where they can experience the charm of its "Main Street" feel and visit its traditional locally-owned small businesses. These visitors come from cities all over the Phoenix metropolitan area, and some even travel from as far as Yuma, Arizona, an approximately 190 mile drive. The facility is also rented to a wide variety of organizations for concerts, classes, meetings, etc., attracting an even more diverse group of patrons into the area, who may never have ventured into Old Town otherwise. Local artists, often the smallest of small businesses, are provided with a venue at the Center for displaying their works, bringing them greater market exposure. In addition to tourism and other indirect economic benefits, Theater Works spends over \$1,000,000 in the community each year, directly supporting the local economy.

Overall, the architecturally stunning, award-winning Center for the Performing Arts stands as a testament to Peoria's continued commitment to cultural enhancement and will allow Peoria to carry on the tradition of supporting cultural and civic events started by Peoria's pioneers. Peoria's early leaders built the first community gathering places, such as the Peoria Woman's Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Peoria, places which allowed community spirit to bloom in this small desert town. The Peoria Center for the Performing Arts is a facility that cultivates the long established spirit of community in Old Town, while also encouraging visitors to experience and support the local businesses that define the area, increasing economic activity in Old Town so that it may thrive for years to come.

## 4.C. Consideration Criteria

### Category 1: Discovering Heritage through Historic Places

✓ **An ongoing, publicly available inventory of historic properties**

At this time two Historic Resource Surveys have been conducted to inventory buildings in the City of Peoria's Old Town area for historic significance. The Historic Resource Survey was last conducted in 2006. The City's intention is to continue to update the survey regularly, as well as expand the survey to include other areas of the City that likely contain historic resources. Together, the original survey and the 2006 update catalog over 100 properties and describe the historic and architectural contexts that are applicable to the properties surveyed in Old Town.

The Historic Resource Surveys are available for review at the City of Peoria's Planning Division office, and copies are available for a fee. The surveys have also been made available electronically on the City's website so that the public may download these reports free of charge at their convenience. The information collected for the properties surveyed was recorded using Arizona Historic Property Inventory Forms so that the data would be compatible with the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office requirements submitting a property for listing on the State and National Register.

In addition to the Historic Resource Surveys, the City of Peoria also maintains a Local Register of Historic Places. The Register is available on the City's website and includes properties that have been officially designated as Local Historic Landmarks or Local Historic Districts.

✓ **A community-supported museum, interpretive facility, archive, or local historic records collection (private or public)**

The Peoria Arizona Historical Society operates a museum focusing on Peoria's history that is open to the public. The museum's main collection is housed in the 1906 two-room Peoria Central School building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Peoria Local Register of Historic Places. Three one-room school buildings from the early 1900's, located just steps away from the Central School, house the balance of the museum's exhibits and records. The Peoria Central School and the adjacent one-room school buildings are owned and maintained by the City of Peoria.

The Peoria Arizona Historical Society Museum maintains rotating exhibits which cover themes such as Peoria's founding families, a history of agriculture in Peoria, and daily life in early Peoria. The school buildings' original function is not forgotten either. Early school desks fitted for inkwells still reside in the museum, surrounded by the yearbooks, team uniforms and everyday ephemera of the students who once sat in them. In addition to providing interpretive displays of Peoria's history, the museum has extended the historic Peoria Central School building's useful life and allowed the public the opportunity to tour one of the oldest extant buildings in Peoria.

## **Category 2: Protecting Historic Resources**

✓ **A local governmental body, such as a board or commission, charged with leading historic preservation activities within the community**

The City of Peoria has been named a Certified Local Government by the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office. As a result of this designation, the City of Peoria has been delegated responsibility for maintaining a local preservation program. As a part of the City's preservation initiatives, in 2002 the City Council enacted an ordinance creating the Historic Preservation Commission. Peoria's Historic Preservation Commission consists of seven appointed members. The commission is charged with, among other responsibilities, reviewing the City's Historic Resource Surveys, recommending nominated properties for designation as Local Historic Landmarks or Local Historic Districts, and deciding cases for Certificates of Appropriateness or Findings of Hardship. In addition to these tasks, the commission also focuses on increasing public awareness of the value of historic preservation.

✓ **An adopted community-wide historic preservation plan that is being implemented**

In 2005, the Peoria City Council adopted the City's first Historic Preservation Master Plan. The plan enumerates the City's goals and objectives for historic preservation and includes a discussion of the designation process for Local Historic Landmarks and Local Historic Districts. Many of the objectives included in the Historic Preservation Plan have been implemented or are ongoing. This includes the development of the Peoria Register of Historic Places, the maintenance of Historic Resource Surveys, and public outreach to increase awareness of Peoria's heritage through publications and events. The Historic Preservation Master Plan is currently being revised to further advance the City's historic preservation goals. The revised plan will incorporate a more detailed description of Peoria's history and will also include a new section devoted to guidelines and requirements for the preservation of archaeological resources. In addition, the revised plan will contain robust implementation strategies that correspond to those proposed in the nearly completed Old Town Peoria Revitalization Plan, to create more effective synergies in the implementation of the City's historic preservation, economic development, and sustainability policies.

✓ **A historic preservation review ordinance and volunteer or professional staff to implement it**

Article 14-38 of the City of Peoria's Zoning Ordinance describes the process for the designation of historic landmarks or districts and also enumerates the requirements for maintaining a property once it has been designated as a local landmark or as part of a local historic district. This ordinance includes a requirement that owners of designated historic properties must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness if they wish to make changes to the exterior of their property. Certificate of Appropriateness applications are reviewed by members of the Planning staff who analyze the applications and provide recommendations to the City's Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission determines approval or denial of applications for Certificate of Appropriateness and uses the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* (1990 edition) as a guide for these decisions.

### **Category 3: Promoting Historic Assets**

- ✓ **A local heritage tourism program or active participation in a regional program, with such promotional material as a walking/driving trail or tour itinerary, map of historic resources, etc.**

Peoria offers brochures for two self-guided walking tours of the historic Old Town area, available for download from the City's website. The tours cover both residential and commercial areas and illuminate the sometimes forgotten history of these buildings for visitors and residents alike. Each brochure highlights approximately twenty properties and includes photos and descriptions of the properties, as well as a numbered aerial map to assist with navigation.

In addition to the self-guided walking tours, Peoria also promotes individual resources that capture the spirit of Peoria's heritage. As an example, Peoria offers photos and records for the Old Paths Cemetery, a facility located on unincorporated property that is surrounded by the City of Peoria. This small cemetery is the resting place of several of Peoria's early pioneers. The information that the City has made available to the larger public via the internet has the potential to aid individuals in genealogical research and allows those living far away from Peoria a chance to connect with its past.

- ✓ **A regularly scheduled heritage observance or event**

Peoria Pioneer Days is a celebration of the City's heritage. This day-long festival offers a wide variety of engaging activities that bring the past to life. The festival includes tours of the City's historic Old Town area and the Peoria Jail House Museum. The Peoria Arizona Historical Society Museum also opens its doors to those who want a close-up view of what day to day life would have been like in Peoria early last century. The museum is housed in the Peoria Central School, a two-room school house constructed in 1906 and used as a school until 1976. At the entrance to Old Town, the lawn of Osuna Park is filled with activities and music that welcome passerby to join the celebration. Old-time games such as marbles and hopscotch, as well as story time, entertain the younger members of the crowd throughout the day, while an old-fashioned parade complete with vintage fire truck, suits folks of all ages.

## Community Profile: Peoria, Arizona

Peoria, Arizona (population 155,000+), a western suburb of Phoenix, was settled in the late 1880's after the completion of the Arizona Canal in 1885 provided irrigation to the area. Several families from the Midwest were persuaded take a chance on the desert oasis, and they would later name their settlement after the town they left behind, Peoria, Illinois.

Grand Avenue, a 100-foot wide thoroughfare running diagonally through Peoria from Phoenix to the Vulture Gold Mine, was established in 1887, and along with the water tower located nearby, created the center of the young farming community. Residences sprang up at this town center, and a school and Post Office were established by 1889. A spur of the Santa Fe Railroad was built in the early 1890's alongside Grand Avenue, and together these routes transported the settlers' crops, including Pima cotton and alfalfa, to market and brought goods and travelers to Peoria. Although, the town was still largely a farming community when it was incorporated in 1954 covering one-square mile, other industries had also developed. As Americans took to the open road in greater numbers in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, many businesses grew up along Grand Avenue (designated as U.S. Highway 60), to cater to the needs of automobile travelers. Gas stations, auto repair shops, and diners served travelers driving between Phoenix and Las Vegas or Los Angeles as well as local residents.

While Peoria covers over 178 square miles today, its small-town charm is still particularly evident in the City's Old Town area, where visitors can stroll past the first town hall/jail (built by the WPA), and the 1899 First Presbyterian Church (listed on the National Register), or even picnic in Osuna Park where community gatherings have been held for generations.

For more information:

City of Peoria: [www.peoriaaz.gov](http://www.peoriaaz.gov)

Visitors Information: [www.visitpeoriaaz.com](http://www.visitpeoriaaz.com)

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF PEORIA WILL APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY AS A *PRESERVE AMERICA* COMMUNITY AND WILL PROTECT AND CELEBRATE THE CITY'S HERITAGE AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a *Preserve America* Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; now therefore be it

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA, THAT THE CITY OF PEORIA WILL APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA AS A *PRESERVE AMERICA* COMMUNITY; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF PEORIA WILL PROTECT AND CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE, USE OUR HISTORIC ASSETS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION, AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE AND APPRECIATE LOCAL HISTORIC RESOURCES THROUGH EDUCATION AND HERITAGE TOURISM PROGRAMS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria,  
Maricopa County, Arizona this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Barrett, Mayor

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Kemp, City Attorney

Exhibit B2

**PRESERVE AMERICA**  
**COMMUNITIES PROGRAM: 2009 COMMUNITY APPLICATION**

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*Application Form*

**1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Communities must consult with their State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) during the development of this application and send a copy of the completed application to the SHPO when it is submitted.

Check this box to signify that you have completed the above instructions.  
SHPO names and addresses can be found at [www.ncshpo.org](http://www.ncshpo.org) or by calling (202) 624-5465.

Applications must be submitted in hard copy and will not be returned. **Please provide an original and one copy of all materials and three to five related images as described on page 5.** Please do not use sheet protectors, binders, or tabbed dividers. Submission well in advance of one of the quarterly deadlines (**March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1**) will facilitate timely review.

**Submit applications to:**

Preserve America Communities  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 803  
Washington, DC 20004

**Sources of additional information:**

Office of Preservation Initiatives  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
(202) 606-8584  
Web site: [www.PreserveAmerica.gov](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov)

**2. COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

All incorporated or unincorporated communities are eligible to seek designation as Preserve America Communities. Eligible tribal communities and neighborhoods within very large cities should use specialized application forms available at [www.PreserveAmerica.gov/communities.html](http://www.PreserveAmerica.gov/communities.html).

Name of community seeking designation City of Peoria, AZ Population ~155,684

City       County       Other \_\_\_\_\_

This community is in Maricopa County, Arizona State or Territory.

Congressional District 2 Name of Representative Trent Franks

**3. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

The applicant for designation can only be one of the following:

- A mayor or equivalent chief elected governing official of an incorporated community; or
- A county executive or equivalent chief elected governing official of a county or of the appropriate jurisdiction of an unincorporated community

Applicant's Name: Mr. Bob Barrett Title: Mayor

Mailing Address: 8401 W. Monroe St.

City: Peoria State: AZ Zip: 85345

Phone: 623-773-7306 Fax: 623-773-7301 E-mail: bob.barrett@peoriaaz.gov

Street/Delivery Address (No Post Office Boxes): 9875 N. 85th Ave.

City: Peoria State: AZ Zip: 85345

Attn: Melissa Sigmund Phone: 623-773-7603 E-mail: melissa.sigmund@peoriaaz.gov

For more information, contact: Melissa Sigmund Title: Planner

Phone: 623-773-7603 Fax: 623-773-7256 E-mail: melissa.sigmund@peoriaaz.gov

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**E.** Provide approximately 100-200 words on the history of your community, including founding date, key events, evolution of the economy, and information on historic attractions not otherwise noted in the application. This information will be edited and incorporated into profiles of designated communities (for examples see [www.preserveamerica.gov/PAcommunities.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/PAcommunities.html)).

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**5. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIAL**

Written endorsements by preservation organizations, civic organizations, members of Congress, and other elected officials are encouraged. These should be addressed to Mr. Ronald D. Anzalone, Director, Office of Preservation Initiatives, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 803, Washington DC 20004. *(Please provide copies of any letters of endorsement.)*

Documenting participation in other nationwide preservation programs is encouraged. *(Please let us know if your community is a Certified Local Government, a Main Street Community, a recipient of funds under the Save America's Treasures program, or a recipient of Transportation Enhancements funding for historic preservation, etc.)*

Brochures, additional photos, reports, publications, etc. may be appended if desired.

**6. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION/LOGO USE AGREEMENT**

The undersigned gives the ACHP and the Preserve America Communities program absolute right to use, in whole and in part, all material submitted in furtherance of this application. All submitted materials become the property of Preserve America. Materials may be used in program activities, including publications and Web sites. Preserve America is given permission to make any editorial changes and/or additions to the subject material. The undersigned guarantees to have on file all necessary individual agreements and signatures to ensure Preserve America unencumbered use of all associated material.

I further acknowledge that, if designated a Preserve America Community, our community will be authorized to use the Preserve America logo or to refer to Preserve America solely for non-commercial purposes related to the promotion and public understanding of the Preserve America Community designation and the Preserve America initiative. I agree that the logo, or any reference to Preserve America, will not be used in for-profit commercial applications or ventures and acknowledge that the Preserve America logo is a registered trademark entitled to the legal protections attendant to such status. I further agree that any use of the Preserve America logo, or any reference to Preserve America, will be consistent with the stated purposes of the Preserve America Community designation and the Preserve America initiative. I further acknowledge that the authorizations described in this paragraph can be revoked at any time and for any reason by the ACHP.

**7. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

*The chief elected governing official of the community must sign and date this form.  
Signature must be original and in ink.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Stephen M. Kemp, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 09-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THAT THE CITY OF PEORIA WILL APPLY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY AS A *PRESERVE AMERICA* COMMUNITY AND WILL PROTECT AND CELEBRATE THE CITY'S HERITAGE AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a *Preserve America* Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; now therefore be it

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona, that the City of Peoria will apply for the designation of the City of Peoria as a *Preserve America* community; and be it further resolved that the City of Peoria will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria,  
Maricopa County, Arizona this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Bob Barrett, Mayor

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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