

Historic Signs of Casa Grande – Motley Design Group, LLC - Draft
HPC Meeting – June 27, 2016

Cover Page – Decision was unanimous to replace the McNatt’s Wonder Bar Sign with the Silver Bullet Sign.

Six signs to be added to the empty boxes on the left side of the front page:

Horse Shoe Motel

Dairy Queen

Current Woman’s Club sign

Pioneer Market – Ghost Sign North View

CG Valley Newspapers – curvilinear sign

Valley Pump and Machine Works (use best example of these painted signs)

*If the Pioneer Market ghost sign doesn’t show well, use the Jewell’s Desert Sands

Historic Context Page 5, paragraph 5

Could we reword this paragraph to better track with four other reference documents. (SHPO’s 1998 survey, Historical Society’s Train Depot reference sheet, City of Casa Grande’s 125 Year booklet and Bill Otwell’s HBPP prepared January 2009.

Casa Grande was unceremoniously founded when the Southern Pacific Railroad, building tracks eastward from California, had a work stoppage in May 1879 due to the heat and slow deliveries of rail from the east coast. The temporary camp established at the railhead was called Terminus meaning “end-of-the-line”. When work resumed in January 1880 the community of Terminus with its three buildings and five residents remained.

Historic Context Page 6 paragraph 1

Change 1892 to 1890 (July 19, 1890 is the date of our Original Townsite Map)

Page 6, paragraph 5 I spoke with a gentlemen a year ago that had worked at the Bulk Plant for 20 plus years. He told me the plant was built in 1942. I’ve also visited with a local resident in his eighties that worked there as a teenager. The current owner is Erin Scarpol @ Senergy in Mesa. 480-962-6111

Page 8, paragraph 9

The information we located and are currently using in a public art project states: SR 84 was first designated in 1927 between Tucson and Picacho. In 1928, SR 84 was extended from its western terminus to Gila Bend and was known as the Gila Bend Highway.

Page 10, paragraph 4

Airport Tavern CGSS 36), erected in 1945 but since disappeared from the sight in March 2013, and the Sunset Court.....

Page 11 (photos at the top of the page) Doug's Se-Tay photo is great but not the version we relate to. He took the photo in 1993. The Historical Museum has a 1954 version that is similar to what we see today. Can we change out this photo with the current version photo?

Survey Results

Page 14, paragraph 2

Instead of "currently used as a realtor's office" please change to "formerly used as a realtor's office"

Page 19, paragraph 3

Change "thirty-six (39)" to "thirty-seven (37)"

Chart of Survey Signs

CGSS12 Rebecca Dallis School house was moved to the Historical Museum's campus in 1983. The building was built in 1935 as was officially named Southside Colored Grammar School. Doubt that it ever had a sign. The Museum ordered the current Rebecca Dallis wood sign sometime in 2015 to better identify the school house. "Sign removed" probably isn't correct.

CGSS30 On the historic register this is St. Anthony's/Murphy Hall. Father Ariel officially changed the name from Murphy Hall to Divine Mercy Chapel in October 2016. With all that said, your report reads as it should. He also removed the sign that is illustrated in photos 4 & 5. Could you just pull this page from your report and remove "Free Standing Signs" from your list.

CGSS68 This was the Hotel Sacaton and the hotel sign is currently at the Museum. And there was a Greyhound Bus Depot at this location for a period of time. However, the Greyhound Bus Depot sign at the Museum did not come off this building.

The sign came off the original Greyhound Bus Depot that was located at 117 E. 2nd Street. (Arizona Historic Property Inventory Form 21, dated January 6 1998) The sign was donated to the Museum 10/24/12. Linda Wiles, the lady that donated it, died 1/26/16. Her parents either owned or managed the Bus Depot. Her father's name was Frank Wiles, also deceased. She graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in 1970. She told us that she worked at the depot while attending high school. I was involved in picking up the sign for the Museum. I don't believe she ever gave them details. I'll send them an email and ask.

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