

OSFA Efforts in 2007

- January:** OSFA presses for “findings of fact” from the Historic Design Review Board (HDRB) to reduce number of appeals to City Council
OSFA offers to subsidize an Historic Ordinance orientation for HDRB, staff and City Council members
OSFA works with the HDRB to streamline the board’s tasks by giving staff preliminary review decisions in routine cases
OSFA advises on proposed development of St. Catherine’s Indian School; registers concern over “benign neglect” of historic buildings.
OSFA Board approves purchase of future web site domain:
www.theoldsantafe.com
- February:** OSFA Board welcomes new officers: Marilyn Bane, President; Tim Maxwell, Vice President; Richard Ellenberg, Secretary; Richard McCord, Treasurer
OSFA asks school board for postponement of status review of Carlos Gilbert and Acequia Madre schools
OSFA supports adoption of new State Codes prior to approving a green building code
- March:** OSFA works to protect the Manderfield School by adding it to the state registry
OSFA reviews preliminary architectural plans for the new County Courthouse
OSFA requests inclusion of a member of the historic preservation community on the Convention & Tourist Bureau advisory committee
OSFA Board members press for division status for the Historic Preservation Section at City Hall
- April:** OSFA reviews model of the proposed Lensic Project with Jeff Seres and Alexis Girard; requests special meeting regarding height
OSFA sponsors Rita Garcia as a candidate for La Reina in the Fiesta Court
OSFA Board votes *not* to endorse the Downtown Vision Plan and petitions the City Council not to adopt the plan without further refinement
OSFA reaffirms our 20-year support for water in the Santa Fe River
OSFA plans new Cultural Preservation Award to be given during Preservation Week
- May:** OSFA receives Sara Melton award from the HDRB, presents Cecilia Rios with OSFA’s first Cultural Preservation Award during Preservation Week Awards ceremony
OSFA meets with Jack Hiatt, Acting Director of Planning and Land Use, receives assurance that Historic Preservation Section will be a Division under new reorganization plans; volunteers to offer guidance and ideas on changes in the Historic Code particularly on appeals and procedures

OSFA Board votes to testify against proposed high-density housing near the Old Las Vegas Highway and Old Pecos Trail intersection, as it is the last remaining historic entry into Santa Fe

OSFA supports retaining the footprint of one of the oldest stone walls in Santa Fe on Paseo de Peralta between Washington Avenue and Otero Street, while reducing the height for public safety purposes; repeats concerns that a negative outcome could set a dangerous precedent affecting all the walls, driveways and streets in our historic districts

- June:** OSFA agrees to be a sponsor of the upcoming symposium “Liquid Assets: Water Use in the Arid Southwest” to be held in November
- OSFA sends letter to Cultural Properties Review Committee in support of putting Manderfield School on the historic register
- OSFA joins subcommittee to plan celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Historic Ordinance in October
- OSFA attends meetings on Downtown Park and Shuttle Opportunities, presses for comprehensive marketing plan to include discounted parking rates for locals
- July:** OSFA and the Historic Santa Fe Foundation (HSFF) establish Reciprocal honorary positions for Chairs on respective Boards
- OSFA joins in effort to help save the endangered historic Fountain Theatre in La Mesilla
- OSFA recommends past president Karen Walker for OSFA’s position on the Historic Design Review Board, replacing retiring member Jane Farrar; Karen was subsequently appointed by Mayor Coss.
- August:** OSFA reviews City’s Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Research with Kathy McCormick, head of Housing and Community Development
- OSFA votes unanimously to retain counsel to advise the Board on legal steps regarding the proposed County Courthouse
- OSFA encourages City to coordinate with Beijing, China contact to bring 50+ Mayors from China to next year’s Preservation Week
- OSFA celebrates life of lifetime member Irene Von Horvath
- September:** OSFA Board authorizes three board members to speak on behalf of the Board and to guide the County on matters pertaining to the County Courthouse
- OSFA attends Early Neighborhood Notification meeting on the Santa Fe Flood Fringe Variance; promotes analysis and review by the Historic Design Review Board for the preservation of the flood plain
- October:** OSFA hears presentation from Keith Toler, Director of the Santa Fe Convention and Tourist Bureau, receives executive summary of new study on tourism in Santa Fe; this research confirms OSFA’s promotion of Santa Fe’s historic buildings, culture, traditions and viewscapes

OSFA along with the Historic Santa Fe Foundation, Historic Design Review Board and the city's Historic Preservation Division host celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Historic Ordinance with "Posole on the Plaza" featuring red and green chile, "territorial" and Pueblo style cakes, Northern New Mexican bands, and dignitaries Mayor Coss, Peter and Nancy Meem Wirth, Tom Udall and others

OSFA continues to meet with County architects on the proposed County Courthouse; testifies against height, massing and design before the Historic Design Review Board

OSFA assists implementation of the Manderfield School placed on the State Register by the State Cultural Properties Committee

OSFA urges the Business Capital District - Design Review Committee to reject the 4-story height, mass and the overbuilding on the lot of the proposed Lensic project

November: OSFA puts Planning Commission on notice that the city's affordable housing requirements will be avoided by the developer of the Lensic project

OSFA becomes first client of the new non-profit Santa Fe Neighborhood Law Center; the NLC was formed to preserve, protect and enhance the civic role of neighborhood associations in legal and policy matters. Patterned on the public interest law firms of the 1960's, the NLC will provide legal resources in support of community-wide civic causes impacting neighborhoods

OSFA and the NLC agree to join in the appeal by a neighborhood association of the Old Taos Highway re-zoning decision by the City Council reflecting improper amending of the General Plan

OSFA continues program to educate and inform real estate agents/brokers on the significance and requirements of the Historic Ordinance

December: OSFA testifies before the BCD-DRC against the variances requested by the developer of the Villas at the Lensic; asks that the developer reduce the overall massing and height of the building to conform to the city's Historic Ordinance

OSFA holds annual meeting; elects officers; reports 20% yearly increase in membership; focuses on more and better contact with members through forums and the organization's new web site e-mail capability

OSFA testifies before the HDRB against the height exception requested for a proposed new building on vacant land next to the existing Healy Matthews building on Cerrillos Road

2008 is starting out great!

- January:** OSFA Board votes to thank Governor Richardson for moratorium on drilling in the Galisteo Basin
- OSFA President and Board members meet with developer of proposed *Paseo Santa Fe* project on Archdiocese property; informally register concerns and offer advice on the process
- OSFA raises 52' crane on Sandoval Street to show the public the height of the proposed County Courthouse; first page coverage by both Santa Fe newspapers as funding in support of the effort pours in; OSFA gains more new members
- OSFA President and Board members meet with State personnel to discuss plans for the proposed State Parking Garage west of the Roundhouse
