Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – July 6, 2021

Board Members Present: Priscilla Mangnall, Greg Gnesios, Mikhail Blosser, Jody Motz, Vida Jaber and Troy Reynolds

Board Members Not Present: Ron

Others in Attendance: Randall Reitz, City Council; and Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner

Call to Order/Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Troy Reynolds. Introductions were made of Councilman Reitz and members of the Board

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously (6-0) approved the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting by motion from Jody Motz and second by Vida Jaber.

Discussion Items

1. Kristen provided an update regarding a Certificate of Appropriateness application that was withdrawn that was to extend an exterior covered entryway. Instead, the walls of the enclosure will be removed so the work improves the historic integrity of the building thus, no requirement for COA review/approval.

The current owner is still working on remodeling the interior of the building in hopes of relocating their business to the building soon. Once it is further along, the owner would like to work with the Board to host an event/grand opening at the building and invite the neighborhood and general public to visit/tour the building.

2. Board Activities the Remainder of 2021

Kristen provided an update regarding the nomination of the Teller Institute to the Colorado Most Endangered Places list. It had been nominated in 2019 but was not designated. While Colorado Preservation Inc. encouraged re-application, there will not be a nomination round for 2022. However, the Board will continue to gather materials regarding the complex of buildings towards a re-application in 2022 for the 2023 designation.

The Board would like to continue to work on the relocation of one of the historic downtown shade structures from Little Park Road to somewhere downtown. Brandon Stam of the DDA has suggested somewhere on 7th Street. The Board would like to schedule a time to walk the area and focus on 5-6 possible locations to present to the Public Works Department and the DDA.

The City GIS Division continues to refine the story map that had been created by the Public History students at Colorado Mesa University. There are presently no students working on the project but GIS hopes to provide something more comprehensive by the end of the year.

Kristen had inquired about a tour of the Stranges Store but was told the building would be sold soon and the Board could follow up with the subsequent owner.

Priscilla and Kristen had visited with the 92-year-old owner of the home at 1155 Grand Avenue who had lived there since 1936. She is interested in designating the house on the local historic register so the information gathered (to be summarized in writing by Priscilla) will be used to add to its historic background and significance for the designation application. A neighbor will be assisting the owner with the rest of the application.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.