

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – January 4, 2022

Board Members Present: Priscilla Mangnall, Mikhail Blosser, Troy Reynolds, Vida Jaber, Sidney Wood and Dave Fishell

Board Members Not Present: Ron Parron

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

Call to Order/Announcements

The meeting was virtually called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Troy Reynolds. New members Dave Fishell and Sidney Wood introduced themselves to the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Mikhail Blosser moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting. Priscilla Mangnall seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Items

1. Review 2021 Historic Preservation Board draft annual report.

There were no suggested modifications to the report that will be provided to City Council.

Potential additional activities for 2022: assistance with restoration of the Bee Hive; public roll-out of Story Map (during Historic Preservation Month)

2. Story Map

Kristen will provide the Board with a better link to be able to view it. Vida suggested there might be an opportunity to cross reference the map with Museum of the West digital information. The Board will discuss further once able to view the current version of the Story Map.

3. 2022 Historic Preservation Month Activities.

The Board discussed a variety of potential events and suggested working on several.

- Historic Preservation Award – Tope Elementary 2nd Grade Class and First Church of Christ, Scientist. Councilman Reitz suggested that perhaps the nominations could be opened up to the public.

- Walking Tour of Downtown Churches – Dave Fishell to conduct, perhaps on same day as Downtown History Celebration. Councilman Reitz suggested that perhaps the Board could organize several tours that would be on a regular schedule throughout the year e.g. churches, houses, cemeteries
- May Oral History at Central Library – Vida Jaber
- Downtown History Celebration at Former First Church of Christ, Scientist – Sidney Wood will contact the owner of the Church. Kristen will check in with the 7th Street District to see if they might be organizing their walking tour this year.

4. Mesa County Historical Society History Fair April 2022

The Board discussed hosting a booth at the History Fair being organized by the Mesa County Historical Society on April 16, 2022. Kristen envisioned it could be similar to those the Board has done at the Home and Garden Show and the Community Streets event. The Board will continue to discuss and determine whether there would be enough members interested in manning the booth.

Updates

1. Historic Shade Structure

Priscilla has not had feedback from Enstrom’s and will follow up with the owners of the Blue Moon as a possible location. Kristen will begin dialog with the City about placing it in the 7th Street right-of-way next to the Avalon Theater.

Other Business/Public Comment

The Historic Preservation Board bylaws state a new chair will be selected at the beginning of each year. The Board unanimously voted to select Troy Reynolds and Ron Parron as co-chairs for 2022 on a motion by Priscilla Mangnall and second by Dave Fishell.

The Board suggested adding an item on the regular agenda for “Historic Tidbit”.

Adjournment

The February meeting will be scheduled in the Community Development Conference Room to view Story Map together and possibly view the Legends DVD.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM.