

**Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting**  
Minutes – August 6, 2013

Present: Chris Endreson, Joe Hatfield, Jodi Coleman-Niernberg and Jody Motz  
Not Present: Michael Menard, David Bailey, Kevin Reimer and Jon Schler  
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Economic Development and Sustainability

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

**Minutes of May 7, 2013 and June 4, 2013 Meetings.** Jodi Coleman-Niernberg made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 and June 4, 2013 meetings with the minutes of the June 4, 2013 meetings to be amended to include discussion with Council Member Bennett Boeschstein who attended the meeting. Motion passed unanimously on a second by Chris Endreson (4-0).

**Application of Guidelines and Standards to Accessory Structures within the North Seventh Street Historic Residential District.** Based on the Board's review of the last proposal within the historic district that was subject to the adopted guidelines and standards, it had been noted that the document did not address how or when the guidelines and standards were to be applied to accessory structures on properties within the district. Kristen researched the original designation nomination to see if it addressed which accessory structures in the district were considered significant structures. It had been suggested that the guidelines and standards were intended to apply to accessory structures that were specifically mentioned in the original nomination for the historic district. Kristen found that there was no mention of accessory structures in the district nomination. The Board then discussed other options for the treatment of accessory structures. Jodi suggested that at least some general guidelines should apply to these structures such as exterior material, size, scale, and roof pitch. Joe suggested that at least the guidelines and standards should state that these structures should not be modified so that they overshadow the primary structure on the property. It was decided that Kristen would research how accessory structures are addressed in other communities and discuss the process of amending the current document with the City Attorney. Joe suggested that the Board develop a survey to send to the neighborhood for input on potential amendments to the guidelines and standards.

**Nomination(s) to Most Endangered Places List.** The Board did not have any ideas for structures to be nominated for the 2014 list.

**Board Retreat.** The last Board retreat was held in 2010 and only one of the current Board was on the Board at the time so Kristen suggested holding a retreat sometime this Fall. The Board discussed possible locations and topics and decided they would like to meet the new Museum Director, Peter Booth and learn more about Museum activities. Kristen will coordinate something for October if possible.

**Other.** The Colorado Historical Society is hosting a workshop for Historic Boards and Commissions in Durango in September. Contact Kristen if you are interested in attending.

Chris Endreson continues to work on a downtown walking tour through Google Maps. As soon as Kristen is able to provide photographs to which the map can link it will be completed.

Kristen stated that there is a group from the Legends Committee interested in pursuing improvements to George Crawford's gravesite. Kristen had provided them with a copy of the study that had been completed a few years ago that had been sponsored by the Board. Since most Board members had not been involved in that effort, the Board will hold its September meeting at the gravesite. Due to the regular meeting being just after Labor Day, the Board decided to hold its meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.