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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD AGENDA
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 - 4:00 PM**

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. See attached minutes from the December 15th Special Meeting.

Discussion Items

1. May Event for the Handball Court at Canyon View Park.
2. Letter for Roundabout near Handball Court.
3. Discuss By-Laws and any proposed changes.

Updates

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment



Grand Junction Planning Commission

Regular Session

Item #1.

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

Presented By:

Department: Community Development

Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

See attached minutes from the December 15th Special Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

1. Historic Preservation Board Minutes - 2023 - December 15 (special meeting)

Historic Preservation Board Special Meeting
Minutes – December 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Vida Jaber, Dave Fishell, Sidney Wood, Ron Parron, Dustin Anzures.

Others in Attendance: Councilmember Scott Beilfuss, City Attorney John Shaver and Jessica Johnsen from Community Development

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Chair Vida Jaber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The last meeting was a workshop, no minutes to approve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Consider a request by Tim Stouffer – Stouffer Living Trust, applicant, and property owner, to obtain approval for the proposed exterior repair and upgrades to the home at 710 Ouray Ave.**

The board considered the Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior work done at the residence located at 710 Ouray Ave. They discussed the windows and the material used, along with code specifications.

A motion was made by board member Ron Parron
A second motion was made by board member Sydney Wood
Motion passed 5 - 0

- 2. 338 S. 2nd Street - Discussion with property owner**

Property owner was not in attendance. Board discussed the area near the depot and the different buildings there. We will ask the applicant if he would like to come in at a later meeting.

- 3. Changes or Updates to Historic Preservation By-Laws Discussion**

Board is interested in making some changes to the current by-laws. Discussion around a later workshop in 2024 to go over the by-laws in detail.

UPDATES

Lowell School - Next month's hearing agenda item (sign). Received an email from a representative of the school. Will place the sign item on a later agenda.

Teller Institute/Grand Junction Regional Center – Property not awarded for Colorado's Most Endangered Places. Board would like staff to reach out to CPI and get some feedback as to why the property was not chosen again.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of a new Historic District in the area of the depot. Board would like to have this item on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.



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SUBJECT:

May Event for the Handball Court at Canyon View Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

None



Grand Junction Planning Commission

Regular Session

Item #2.

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

Presented By:

Department: Community Development

Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

Letter for Roundabout near Handball Court.

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

1. Letter for roundabout

To whom it may concern:

The members of the Historic Preservation Board would like to make a suggestion regarding the potential public art installation at the new roundabout between 24 Road and G Road.

As you may be aware, the handball court, or fronton, immediately adjacent to the roundabout has just been designated for inclusion on the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. The fronton is culturally and historically significant because of its ties to the Basque people, who have a long and storied past in Grand Junction and the state of Colorado at large. It is the only Basque landmark in Colorado to be given this designation. Because of this, and because of the area's deep ties to the Basque community, we would like to suggest that the art at the 24 Road and G Road roundabout be somehow inspired by or tied to western Colorado's Basque heritage.

In the early 1900s, Grand Junction became the hub of the largest concentration of Basques located in the western Colorado and eastern Utah area. Here, they could winter their flocks of sheep in Utah's warmer southern areas, then drive them to the high mountains of western Colorado in the summers. Basque immigrant Jean Urruty, who was a founding member of the North American Basque Organization (NABO), and his wife Benerita (Bennie) originally built the fronton in 1978. Mr. Urruty paid contractors with his own funds to build the court in his backyard so that Basque immigrants to the city would have a location to play pelota, a game uniquely identified with Basque culture, which brought familiarity to this new place they called home.

Since then, the fronton has become a distinctive landmark in a bustling corner of Grand Junction. Many drivers in the area and visitors to Canyon View Park are familiar with the fronton, but may not know its history or the depth of its cultural significance. Artwork that memorializes Basque heritage and the ties that the area has to the Basque people would help contextualize the fronton and would create a sense of place and shared history among members of our community.

We are aware that the review process for artwork has already begun. As you are reviewing potential artists and art installations, perhaps you could keep your eyes open for artwork or an artist that could highlight this unique local history and the people who made our town what it is today.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vida Jaber, Chair
Grand Junction Historic Preservation Board



Grand Junction Planning Commission

Regular Session

Item #3.

Meeting Date: February 6, 2024

Presented By:

Department: Community Development

Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

Discuss By-Laws and any proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

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1. Bylaws_HP

**Bylaws of the
GRAND JUNCTION HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

Article 1. Purpose. Board. Place of Business.

- (a) The purpose of the Board is to promote and enhance the community's architectural, historical and cultural heritage through: recommendation on designation on the City's local Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts; providing educational opportunities to increase the public appreciation of the local heritage; and generally advising City Council on matters related to preserving the historic character of the City.
- (b) The business and affairs of the Board shall be managed its members, comprised of no less than five (5), and no more than seven (7) persons appointed by the Grand Junction City Council and consistent with the rules and these bylaws adopted by said City Council for such Board.
- (c) The place of business of the Historic Preservation Board ("Board") shall be in Grand Junction, Colorado with a mailing address of 250 N. 5th Street, Grand Junction CO 81501.

Article 2. Appointment of Members.

The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Grand Junction City Council for individual terms of four (4) years, for no more than two (2) terms.

Article 3. Officers.

- (a) At the first meeting of the board each calendar year, the members of the board shall select three officers: a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a secretary.
- (b) The chair shall preside at meetings of the Board, and shall be the titular head of the Board but otherwise shall be one of the members. The chair may sign for the Board and the secretary shall attest to such signature. The chair shall perform all duties incidental to such office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the members.
- (c) In the absence of the chair, or in the event of the inability or refusal of the chair to act, the vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair, and when so acting, shall have all the authority and duties of the chair.
- (d) The secretary shall record the affairs of the Board, shall see to the correspondence of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the chair or the members.

Article 4. Terms. Conditions.

- (a) Members shall hold office until their successors have been appointed and qualified, unless the member is no longer a city resident and city residency is a prerequisite. A director may be appointed for one or more terms. An appointment to fill a partial term shall only be for the remainder of the full term.
- (b) If the City Council has imposed city residency as a condition of being a member, the seat shall be immediately vacant upon the member no longer being a resident of the City.

- (c) A majority of the total members of the Board may recommend to the City Council that a member be removed upon such member's failure to routinely attend the meetings of the Board or to participate in the work and mission of the Board.

Article 5. Conflicts. Compensation. Expenses.

No compensation shall be paid to any member of the Board for their services. The Board shall not enter into any contract with any member nor pay or authorize any remuneration to any member. The rules and requirements of the City Charter and state law that apply to members of the City Council regarding conflicts of interest, disclosure, gifts and appearances of impropriety shall likewise apply to each member of the Board.

In accordance with the rules and requirements of the City, a member may be reimbursed for his reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his duties as a member, provided however that all such expenses shall be paid only by the finance director of the City.

Article 6. Meetings. Notice. Open Meetings.

- (a) Regular meetings shall be held at least once each month, as necessary, at the place of business of the Board.
- (b) Any member may call a special meeting and it shall then be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be properly given. Special meetings may be held at any place within the City of Grand Junction.
- (c) Notice of any meeting of the Board, including the purpose thereof, shall be given to each member by mail, facsimile, e-mail, or in an equivalent manner at least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting. Attendance by a member at any meeting of the Board shall be a waiver of notice by him/her of the time and place thereof. Any lawful business of the Board may be transacted at any meeting for which proper notice has been given.
- (d) Any meeting may be held by telephone or video conference call.
- (e) The members shall conduct all affairs of the Board as though the Board is a local government subject to the Open Meetings Act and the Open Records Acts, as amended.

Article 7. Quorum.

A majority of the authorized number of members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, if at any meeting a quorum is no longer present whether due to conflict of interest or otherwise, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting. The act of a majority of the members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board. Any member may vote on an issue at a meeting at which he or she is not present if that member provides a written proxy in writing prior to the meeting as to his or her position on a certain issue.

Article 8. Action of Members without a Meeting.

Any action that could have occurred at a meeting of the members can also be accomplished without a meeting if all of the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof sign a written consent specifying the action.

Article 9. Contracts. Expenditures.

The Board and its members ordinarily do not have authority to bind the City, unless the City Council has specifically provided otherwise in writing. Expenditures on behalf of the Board and its work shall be exclusively through the City's Finance Department.

Article 11. Notices.

Any notice of claim, demand or other legal process served on or received by the Board or any of its members should be immediately delivered to the City Clerk or the City Attorney.

Article 12. Legal Advice. Finances.

The City Attorney shall serve as the legal advisor for the Board. The City's Finance Director shall serve as the treasurer for the Board.

Article 13. Amendment of the Bylaws. The Board may, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members, amend or alter the bylaws of the Board provided that no such alteration or amendment by the Board shall increase the powers of the Board or expose the City to any additional liabilities, responsibilities or expenses. The Secretary of the Board, or any member, shall send a copy of such proposed changes to the City Clerk prior to adoption by the Board.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Board this 7th day of March 2006.

/s/ Zebulon Miracle
Zebulon Miracle, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Kristen K. Ashbeck
Kristen Ashbeck Senior Planner
Staff to City Historic Preservation Board