

## **Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

Minutes – January 3, 2023

Board Members Present: Vida Jaber, Sidney Wood, Ron Parron and Dave Fishell

Board Members Not Present: Christine Noel

Others in Attendance: Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner

### **Call to Order/Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Ron Parron. Kristen announced that the Board is now functioning as a 5-member Board as allowed by City Code and bylaws.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dave Fishell moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting. Sydney Wood seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

### **Selection of 2023 Board Chair**

The Board unanimously appointed Vida Jaber as the Board Chair for 2023.

### **Discussion Items**

#### 2023 Board Activities

Kristen had provided the Board with some ideas regarding activities the Board may be interested in, particularly during Historic Preservation Month. Those of most interest to the Board:

- Walking Tours
- Host an Open House(s) to show off a historic building that has been recently restored or is in need of restoration
- Collect “then and now” photos of your community and exhibit them in a public space such as a school or library
- Interpretive signage for the beehive
- Nomination to Colorado Most Endangered Places List for Teller Institute

The Board discussed combining the first two ideas into a tour of downtown buildings for Historic Preservation Day, tentatively for May 13, 2023 which coincides with National Train Day. The tour could be “Grand Junction through the Decades” with ideas for turn-of-the century – Railroad Depot; 1920s – Avalon Theatre; Stranges Store. The Board will identify a list of buildings that could be open and accessible for participants to view/tour.

Kristen will follow up with the owner of the depot and the Avalon as a start.

Kristen will contact the North Seventh Street Historic District to see if they will be having a walking tour in 2023.

**Other Business/Public Comment**

Ron Parron informed the Board of increased large truck traffic occurring on 7<sup>th</sup> Street which is not a designated truck route. Kristen will provide Ron with information for the next meeting when he could bring the issue up with City Manager.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.