

## **Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

Minutes – February 7, 2023

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

Others in Attendance: Kristen Ashbeck, Principal Planner; Cody Kennedy, City Council Candidate

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm by Chair Vida Jaber.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dave Fishell moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting. Vida Jaber seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **Discussion Items**

#### Historic Designation of Plaza Urrutia Fronton

Kristen stated that the representative of the Western Colorado Basque was unable to attend the hearing. Kristen gave a brief history and analysis of the designation application for the City-owned facility, stating it met section 21.07.040(f)(2) of the Zoning and Development for the designation of a structure, particularly since it is a unique cultural resource.

The Board discussed the application. Sidney suggested emphasis be added to the staff report to City Council to indicate the state significance of being the only extant fronton in Colorado. Vida will forward additional information that may be available to utilize in the State Register nomination.

A motion to approve the proposal as written in the staff report was made. Christine seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

#### 2023 Activities

The Board discussed upcoming activities, concentrating on logistics and details for the proposed May 13<sup>th</sup> Decades Walking Tour from 12-3pm. Kristen had followed up with both the Depot and the Avalon. The Depot will be open and the Friends of the Depot will be hosting a National Train Day event that same day. The Avalon will have to see how it goes with scheduling other events for their ongoing 100-year celebration.

Kristen will look into contacts for the Stranges Store (decade?) and the Margery Building (1930s). Sidney offered to follow up with them as needed. Other ideas were the St.

Regis (decade?), information about the La Court hotel for the 1950s, Operation Foresight for the 1960s.

Sidney will create a draft of a script and a possible poster for the various sites.

It was suggested that perhaps for those that complete the walking tour circuit, collecting stamps or something along the way, they could get a coupon for a refreshment at Gemini in the Lowell School at the end? Perhaps the Historic Preservation Award could also be presented to the Lowell School owner at the end of the day. Kristen will get in touch with the owner to discuss.

Kristen will also meet with the City public relations staff to discuss how to get the word out about the event.

### **Other Business/Public Comment**

#### Review of Annual Report

The Board reviewed the draft report and did not have any suggestions or revisions.

#### Museum Project

Vida stated that the Museum is working on an oral history of Black Sunday. Anyone that might be interested in participating should contact Vida and the Museum.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.