

Historic Preservation Board Special Meeting - Retreat
Minutes – November 1, 2013

Present: Jon Schler, Jodi Coleman-Niernberg, Chris Endreson, David Bailey, Michael Menard and Joe Hatfield

Not Present: Jody Motz and Kevin Reimer

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Economic Development and Sustainability; Kathy Portner, City Economic Development and Sustainability; Peter Booth, Executive Director, Museum of Western Colorado

The Board convened at 11:30 am at the Museum of the West.

Minutes of September 10, 2013 Meeting. Chris Endreson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by Michael Menard.

Board Appointments – Draft Letter to City Council. There are two Board positions expiring in December 2013 – Joe Hatfield and Jody Motz – both of which have applied for re-appointment. The City Clerk requested a letter from the Board if there was any input to the appointments. Kristen had drafted a letter that was included in the Board packet. Board members agreed it should be submitted to the City Clerk as is to be forwarded to City Council.

Museum of Western Colorado. Peter Booth, Executive Director of the Museum of Western Colorado presented an overview of his background and experience and the operations of the Museum. Peter most recently came from a museum in Oregon. Peter discussed the various facilities, events and programs that the Museum operates and hosts including the collections library, Cross-Orchards, Dinosaur Journey, the Museum of the West, the Western Investigations Team (WIT), dinosaur digs, expeditions and many other community outreach services, events and programs. Peter is interested in the Museum presenting Heritage Awards and perhaps coordinating those with the Historic Preservation Award that the Board presents each year. Another project that the Museum and Board could coordinate together would be a marker program for identification of historic structures. Peter Booth, Michael Menard and David Bailey then gave the Board a brief tour of some areas of the Museum including the library, collections storage areas and exhibit construction space.

Historic Commission Training in Durango. Chris Endreson attended a workshop in Durango in October for Historic Commissions that was hosted by History Colorado staff Liz Blackwell, Dan Corson and Patrick Eideman. Information presented included mock reviews and the Secretary of Interior Standards for Preservation, designating historic districts, how to write preservation guidelines, building community support for preservation activities and sustainability and preservation. History Colorado will make PowerPoint presentations available to Chris – the Board is interested in viewing some of them.

Board Accomplishments and Future Workplan. A listing of accomplishments by the Board since the last retreat in August 2010 and list of ideas for a future workplan for the Historic Preservation Board was included in the meeting packet. A few other ideas were mentioned that will be further discussed at future Board meetings:

- Develop tours within the community that highlight various historic building styles e.g. Bungalows, Craftsman, etc. Provide QR codes for these and other tours for mobile download.
- The Board would like to pursue working with the Museum on the community Heritage Awards and on a historic building marker program.

- Jon Schler suggested that perhaps the City could be designated as a Certified Local Government in training which could make some additional grant funding available that could be used for the marker program. Kristen will discuss this possibility with Dan Corson with History Colorado.

Since the retreat meeting was held early in the month, the Board decided to cancel its November regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.