

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2014

Present: Chris Endreson, Jody Motz, Jon Schler, Jodi Coleman-Niernberg and Scott Wolford

Not Present: Michael Menard, David Bailey and Kevin Reimer

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Economic Development and Sustainability

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

Minutes of January 7, 2014 Meeting. Jodi Coleman-Niernberg made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by Scott Wolford.

North Seventh Street Historic Residential District Guidelines and Standards. Kristen had revised the draft of guidelines and standards that could amend the current document to address the treatment of accessory structures based on the Board's discussion and comments from neighborhood representative, Joe Hatfield. Kristen stated that City legal staff had provided some input as to process to include a survey of the existing accessory structures to accompany the survey that will be sent to property owners and, if the neighborhood agrees to move forward, the amendment should be heard by both Planning Commission and City Council for a decision. Jon Schler suggested different wording for the word "cluttered" in the introduction to the standards and guidelines the word. Kristen will revise for the version that is provided to property owners. The Board then discussed the following tasks:

- Discuss an inventory methodology at the next meeting to include looking at an aerial photo and other information. Chris Endreson and Kristen will research information that was done by the student intern that had completed the property inventory for the initial document.
- A team that would include several Board members, Kristen and perhaps neighborhood representative, Joe Hatfield will conduct the inventory in mid to late March.
- Organize inventory information and create a brief survey to be mailed to each property owner. With a deadline to respond (Joe Hatfield had suggested 30 days).

Historic Preservation Month Activities/Events – May 2014

The Board discussed the following annual and possible new events/activities for Historic Preservation Month:

- Historic Preservation Award – Jon Schler suggested awards for categories such as residential, commercial, and other. For residential, Jon thought the owners of the home (Troy Reynolds) at 298 Mahan Street on Orchard Mesa. For commercial, Jodi Coleman-Niernberg suggested the building at 623 Main Street. Also, the Wayne Aspinall Federal Building and maybe the Handy Chapel.
- Recognition of the Federal Building could include a public presentation about its restoration and how the energy systems are working. Kristen will contact Jason at the GSA to see if he would be available to visit during May.
- I Spy Contest – The Board discussed doing before and after photographs this year, maybe using old and current aerial photographs.
- The Board would like to promote the Walking Tour Chris Endreson created in GoogleMaps.
- The presentation by Dan Corson with History Colorado about Certified Local Governments could be a May event. Jodi Coleman-Niernberg will talk with Harry Weiss about co-hosting the event.

Saving Places Conference. Board members Chris Endreson and Scott Wolford attended the conference in Denver the first week of February. The session on general historic preservation activities and the Federal Building project in Grand Junction was well received. Scott attended a session regarding Disaster Preparedness and Relief that discussed methods and plans for preparedness and response for historic

resources. He will research the topic further and bring an example of a plan for the Board to review at a future meeting.

Other Discussion. Kristen had confirmed with the Housing and Building Association that the Board was interested in hosting a table in exchange for volunteering with ticket sales on Sunday, March 9th. A schedule will be sent out so Board members can volunteer for shifts.

Kristen mentioned that several students from the CMU Public History class will be working with the City Parks and Recreation Department this semester to research and organize history resources for Las Colonias Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.