

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Minutes – June 3, 2014

Present: Jody Motz, Jon Schler, Michael Menard, Scott Wolford and Chris Endreson

Not Present: Jodi Coleman-Niernberg, Kevin Reimer and David Bailey

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Economic Development and Sustainability and Edward Morgan, Mesa County Facilities

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at the Old Jail between City Hall and the County Courthouse

Old Jail Tour. Edward Morgan with Mesa County Facilities gave the Board a tour of the old jail building. Currently used for storage, the County is looking for ideas for reuse of the structure.

The meeting reconvened at City Hall at 4:20 pm.

Minutes of May 6, 2014 Meeting. Michael Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by Scott Wolford.

Discussion of Old Jail. The Board had an initial discussion concerning the old jail and agreed that it would like to continue to work on a plan for its reuse with the following ideas:

- Meet with Harry Weiss, Executive Director of Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Harry has reviewed original plans for the building and may have some ideas/input
- Apply for a State Historic Fund grant for a Historic Structure Assessment
- Pursue designation of the building in the State or National Register of Historic Places. The Board could prepare the nomination form.
- Involve a student team from the Colorado Center for Community Development. The student work could include Code review and architectural programming
- Potential uses: non-profit offices, CMU classroom space
- Present an outline action plan/proposal to Mesa County

North Seventh Street Historic District Inventory. The Board will set a date to conduct a walking tour of the District to inventory the historic accessory structures in September.

Proposed Communications Facility on Orchard Mesa. Kristen received a NEPA Evaluation for a communications facility proposed to be located on the existing building at 2771 B-1/2 Road near the City Market store on Orchard Mesa. The letter requested a response from the Board regarding the possible impact on historic resources in the project area. The Board reviewed the materials and concluded that the proposal will have no adverse impact on resources identified in the area since they are located across Highway 50 from the building and the facility will have minimal visual impact. Kristen will draft a letter from the Board in response.

Other. Kristen will arrange a tour of the Avalon Theater for the Board's next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.