

GRAND JUNCTION HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
Meeting April 3, 1995

Board Members Present: Philip Born, Ed Chamberlin, Pat Gormley, Sandra Karhu, David Bailey and Steve Schulte. Not present: Greg Walcher City/DDA Staff Present: Kristen Ashbeck and Barbara Creasman

1 Selection of Officers - The following nominations were made by Pat Gormley: Sandra Karhu, Chair, Steven Schulte, Vice Chair and Philip Born, Secretary. The nominations were accepted. There were no other nominations. A vote was called and all three positions were passed unanimously.

2 Recommendation on Local Historic Designation - Emerson School

School District 51 does concur with the nomination (letter presented).
Board reviewed nomination form and criteria within Zoning and Development Code.
After discussion of the nomination form and the alterations that have taken place, it was decided to nominate the building to the Grand Junction Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts based on the following criteria outlined in section 5-14-6 A.1.a.:

Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City.
Enhances the sense of identity of the City.
Is an established and familiar visual feature of the City.

Motion and second to recommend designation of the Emerson School to the City Register. Unanimous; however, felt that more architectural research is needed to specify architectural style of the building.

3 Update on Consultant Selections

Phase 2 Survey - Museum of Western Colorado is being recommended as the main contractor with some assistance from another consultant (Cultural Resource Historians). See attached letter. Report was accepted by the full Board.

Video Production - Grande River Films was selected by the review committee. A contract has been sent for signature, awaiting approval of selection from Colorado Historical Society. Report was accepted by the full Board.

4 Review of Phase 1 Survey Findings

The focus of discussion was on (1) the need to expand the local survey of downtown which should be accomplished in Phase 2 (2) notifying letters of notification to property owners of the status of their properties on the historic survey (3) getting petitions signed to approve of placing the current surveyed area on the local register and (4) possible expansion of the North 7th Street Historic District.

5 Review of Current Historic Preservation Projects

Barbara Creasman gave an overview of the current projects in the community. The DDA would like to get a public relations event to publicize the historic preservation program. Currently working on a walking tour brochure with the Museum of Western Colorado-- have draft being reviewed by Colorado Historical Society.

There is a desire of the City/DDA to do something with the old Public Service building at 5th & South that is owned by the City. A grant proposal was submitted to the State to do a feasibility study of reuse of the building. Announcement of the grant is mid-May 1995.

The Avalon has a \$100,000 grant for reconstruction of the facade. Barbara suggested that the Historic Preservation Board tour the Avalon.

The D&RGW Depot also has a \$100,000 grant roof repair/restoration. An additional grant is being applied for, also to be announced mid-May 1995. The DDA Board will be touring the Depot at one of its May meetings. Barbara said she would copy the Historic Preservation Board on any announcements for such tours. She will also add the Board to DDA newsletter mailings.

The St. Regis is on the National Register but also needs a lot of cleaning and stabilization. The owner has applied for a grant through the Colorado Historical Society-- announcement mid-May.

Kristen added that the Handy Chapel (also on the National Register) just completed a re-roofing and interior repair work project with a \$5,000 grant from the State.

6 Other - A date was made for a walk-through of the house on the Jarvis property -- April 13th at 3:00 pm.

Discussed a different meeting time to better accommodate the schedules of the Board members. Decided to keep first Monday of the month but move the time up to 4:00 pm instead of 4:30 pm.

7 NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 1, 1995 / 4:00 pm -- AT THE AVALON