

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - October 16, 1995

Present: David Bailey, Steve Schulte, Greg Walcher, Sandy Karhu, Philip Born, Pat Gormley, Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Barbara Creasman

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by chair Sandy Karhu at the Elks Club.

ELKS CLUB: The current president of the Elks, Brook Blaney, and Greg Walcher led the Board on a tour of the Elks Club building. Brook talked about the additions and remodel projects that have occurred over the years and pointed out various aspects of the building that the Elks would like to restore. Upon conclusion of the tour, the Board reconvened in a meeting room in the Elks Club.

MINUTES: Sandy asked for approval of the minutes of the September 11, 1995 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Greg Walcher.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS: Sandy brought up why public information regarding the process needs to be addressed--we are hearing there is growing interest in historic preservation but we need something to help promote it and educate people about the process. The information should also help educate the public about why do historic preservation and list the advantages of historic preservation. The materials need to be user friendly--filling out the State inventory forms is intimidating. We should develop a different form that may have the same information but in a simpler format. It should outline a step-by-step process for designation of buildings and districts on historic register(s).

Steve - will have 8 to 10 students in his Public History class starting January 20. His thought is to have the students work on an outline for the information and then develop a script for a brochure.

Pat noted that people seem to be under the impression that you only do this to get grant monies. The emphasis should be on education, not that money may be available.

Sandy - The video should help with education. How will it be distributed? 10 copies are to be provided to the City. They will be available to check out through the library, museum, city hall and school district. Pat suggested that the Board think about taking it to various service and other groups for presentations.

Kris passed around some example brochures from other communities as well as the brochure Grand Junction now has that one of Steve's students did two years ago.

Greg - where are we in process of creating a district downtown? Still need to develop a

cover letter/petition to send to property owners.

Pat Gormley made a motion that the Historic Preservation Board take the responsibility to initiate the creation of public information materials that assist the public with proceeding through the process of individual or district nominations to local, state or national registers and represent the historic preservation program in Grand Junction.

Ed Chamberlin seconded the motion and there was further discussion regarding ideas as to what information should be included in a brochure. Ed suggested that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation be included. A vote was taken on Pat's motion that was unanimously approved.

The Board discussed whether or not they should be a review agency for development projects that might pertain to historic preservation. Sandy said that our meeting times might not fit into the City's or developer's process. Who is going to decide when and what projects the Board might see? Kris said that this is usually up to the Community Development Department to decide which review agencies the developer must provide packets for distribution.

Pat Gormley moved that yes, the Board should be included in "the loop" when appropriate and when timely comments can be made. Phil Born seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIDEO: The Board reviewed an initial script outline provided by the consultant, Grande River Films. Grande River has almost completed filming and will have a rough cut film in mid November. They still want to film a walking tour of 7th Street with David Bailey and film some historic photographs available at the Museum. In reviewing the outline, the consensus was that emphasis be placed on the purpose of historic preservation and the steps taken for historic preservation versus emphasis on the actual history of Grand Junction. Kris will pass these comments on to Grande River Films.

PHASE 2 SURVEY: David Bailey - survey is on schedule. Kris is meeting with Debra Semrau of the Museum Group tomorrow (October 17th) to get an update on the project. The Museum's Historic Preservation Specialist will be in Grand Junction in late October.

WILLIAMS HOUSE: Kris indicated that contractors have been hired for the fencing and initial stabilization work but it appears actual work has not yet started. She will get an update for the November Board meeting.

Kris reminded Pat Gormley and Sandy Karhu that their terms on the Board expire in December 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm on a motion by Pat Gormley and a second by David Bailey.