

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - December 4, 1995

Present: Steve Schulte, Sandy Karhu, Pat Gormley, David Bailey and Philip Born

Not Present: Greg Walcher and Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department, Barbara Creasman, Downtown Development Authority

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by chair Sandy Karhu at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Sandy asked for approval of the minutes of the November 6, 1995 meeting. There were no changes. The minutes were approved on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Steve Schulte.

PHASE 2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS SURVEY: Debra Semrau of the Museum Group summarized the process, methodology, database and computer mapping being used to perform and document the survey work. The Museum Group has submitted the first 300 of 1,000 survey forms required for the project. These primarily covered the selective survey areas of Orchard Mesa, Riverside/El Poso, North First Street, South Downtown and the Lincoln Park area. The group is now working on the intensive areas within the original square mile. Debra gave the Board a demonstration of the computer database being used to document the properties. There were questions about how previously surveyed and local designations would be included in the database. They will not be unless they are entered by someone else. The Board suggested that perhaps Community Development could have an intern update the database with Phase 1 and other surveyed properties. Once those were entered, other locally designated properties could be added to the database as the designations occurred.

WHITMAN SCHOOL: The Board reviewed an application by the Museum of Western Colorado to nominate the building to the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The Board noted that the building has undergone major alterations but that the site itself is significant because it was an originally platted school site. reviewing the criteria for nomination to the City Register, the Board found the following: 1) the building (original part) is more than 50 years old; 2) exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City; 3) enhances the sense of identity of the City; and 4) is an established and familiar visual feature of the City. The Board noted that the application did not include a letter of approval from the property owner. David Bailey indicated that the museum is in the process of obtaining a letter from the owner, Industrial Development Incorporated. Sandy Karhu made a motion to recommend nomination of the Whitman School to the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts with the condition that a letter of approval from the property owner be provided to the Community Development Department no later than December 13, 1995 since the item has already been advertised for HPB Minutes / December 4, 1995 / page 2

the December 20, 1995 City Council meeting. Steve Schulte seconded the motion which passed

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EDUCATIONAL VIDEO: Kristen said that the rough cut of the video was to be ready for viewing today but the consultant, Grande River Films, had technical problems and were unable to complete the rough cut. As soon as it is available, Grande River offered to make additional copies of the film for the each Board member to view on their own and would like to receive written comments if anyone has any. The Board felt that 3 copies should be sufficient to circulate. Kristen will call Board members when the rough cut copies are available.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MATERIALS: Steve Schulte's class will be able to work on collecting information for the general educational brochure and possibly on the layout of it as well. Steve will also have students that could perform "mini internships" (20-30 hours) on projects with historic overtones. Call Steve if anyone has any ideas.

Sandy is working on a draft of procedures for creating/nominating a local district. She should have materials for the Board to review at January's meeting. Kristen should have a more finalized version of the nomination form and instructions by then also.

Since the next regular Board meeting would fall on New Year's Day, it was decided that the January meeting be held on the second Monday, January 8, 1996--location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Phil Born and second by David Bailey.