

Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Minutes – January 5, 2010

Present: Kathy Jordan, Zebulon Miracle, Michael Menard, Jon Schler, John Slay and Bill Cort
Not Present: Yvonne Piquette and Peggy Page
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00pm at the City Neighborhood Services Office

Minutes of December 1, 2009 Meeting. Michael Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Jon Schler.

Board Appointments. Kristen reported that Kathy Jordan has been reappointed to the Board and John Slay (in attendance) will be appointed to the other vacant Board position. John introduced himself, stating that his background was as an archaeologist with many years of experience with the US Forest Service inventorying historic resources.

Demolition Ordinance Update. Kristen had followed up by providing a sample ordinance from Fruita to be considered by the City. It had been discussed by the Council Legislative Committee but the committee would like to defer any action on such an amendment until the North Seventh Street Historic District issues have been resolved.

North 7th Street Overlay Update. Kathy Jordan stated that Council has continued to work on a resolution to the land use issues in the 7th Street district. The first reading of a new zoning ordinance will be on January 20, 2010 with a second reading to be heard at a public hearing in February or March. The new ordinance will basically define what the existing uses are and require that all changes be heard by City Council for final decision. There will be no design standards adopted with the zone district; it will only address land use. The Board's role in this proposal has not yet been defined.

D&RGW Depot Update. Jon Schler and Kathy Jordan stated that the current owner of the Depot is Alpine Bank as of December 2, 2010. The results of the Historic Structure Assessment will be completed in early 2010 and will be shared and possible grant funding discussed with the bank. The Friends of the Depot group will also make a presentation to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and an early 2010 meeting.

Cemetery Project Update. Zeb Miracle asked for a status report of this project that had been supported by the Historic Preservation Board. Kristen gave a summary of the study which was completed in December 2009. A rehabilitation project could be done in two phases, with the first phase being restoration of George Crawford's tomb with a cost estimate of \$30,750 and a lower priority phase to restore the Kent/Allen McClintock plots with a cost estimate of \$37,850. The City/Board could pursue a grant to do the restoration work but a minimum cash match of 25% is required which is not currently budgeted.

2010 Historic Preservation Month Activities/Events. The Board continued to discuss ideas for Historic Preservation Month in May 2010, including those listed below.

- Historic Preservation Awards – the Board discussed awards this year for the Rocket Park Neighborhood and the City Parks and Recreation Department for preservation of the rocket and Saturn play structures in Rocket Park; and Mesa County for its use of the Long property and the historic log house within Longs Park. Included in the latter should be Doralyn Genova, the Files Family (Norma Jean). Kristen will begin to follow up with the City to get neighbor names and coordinate the award.
- Museum Events will include a history of the Rotary Club by Pat Gormley (in conjunction with the Mesa County Historical Society), a downtown tour, geocache as was done last year and an archaeology talk. John Slay may be able to present regarding some of the work he has done in the area of historic archaeology.
- Jon Schler suggested looking into some sort of a historic preservation-oriented scavenger hunt that could be available for kids during May. Kristen will provide an example for further discussion at next month's meeting.

Other. Jon Schler stated that the next State Historical Fund (SHF) grant round for April 1, 2010 will include two initiatives for specific types of projects, one being for the role of historic preservation in economic development in rural areas. Since Grand Junction is considered a rural area, perhaps there would be something the Board could apply for regarding educational materials, workshops, etc. that could meet the requirements of this grant. Kristen will be attending a State Historic Fund workshop on January 8, 2010 and will find out more about the upcoming grant round. (At the workshop, SHF staff stated that Grand Junction is not considered a rural area.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm.