

## Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – June 1, 2010

Present: Kathy Jordan, Zebulon Miracle, Jon Schler, and Michael Menard

Not Present: John Slay, Yvonne Piquette and Peggy Page

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00pm at City Hall

**Minutes of April 13, 2010 Meeting.** Zebulon Miracle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) on a second by Jon Schler.

**2010 Historic Preservation Month Activities/Events Summary.** Overall the events held to celebrate 2010 Historic Preservation Month went well and were well attended as summarized below.

- Historic Preservation Awards
  - Kathy Jordan presented the award to Mesa County for the Long Family Cabin at Long Park at the Commissioners meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The County had prepared a slide show and summarized some history of the project and the Commissioners were very pleased with the recognition.
  - The City Parks and Recreation Department hosted a grand re-opening of Rocket Park the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Park which was attended by a couple hundred people. Zebulon Miracle presented the award to the Neighborhood and City which is engraved on a dedication stone in the park near the Rocket and Saturn static display.
- Museum Events
  - Michael reported that the presentation by Pat Gormley on the history of the Rotary Club on May 20<sup>th</sup> was well attended and included some members of the Rotary Club that wanted to learn more about their organization's history.
  - Zebulon Miracle lead an excellent Downtown Walking Tour the evening of May 14<sup>th</sup> that was attended by about 15-20 persons.
  - Zeb reported that the History Geocache activity was again visited by many people during the month.
- Other Activities/Events
  - The Downtown photographic scavenger hunt appeared in the May 16<sup>th</sup> Daily Sentinel and 31 entries were received. The two winners (youth and adult categories) will receive an annual family membership to the Museum of Western Colorado.
  - The Friends of the Depot group hosted an event to celebrate National Train Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was attended by a couple hundred persons that were traveling by train, came to meet the train and toured the building.

**2010 Board Retreat.** The Board discussed holding a retreat later this summer/early Fall since it has been 2 years since the last one was held. It was decided that the August/September timeframe would be best with the following agenda: 1) Guest speaker from the Colorado Historical Society; 2) Board discussion of current and future projects; 3) Board discussion of recruitment of Board members. The retreat could be held at one of the Museum facilities.

Jon Schler suggested that either Lane Ittleson with the Colorado Historical Foundation or Joseph Bell from the Colorado Historical Society be invited to speak. Either would be able to talk about some of the larger projects that are in the works such as the new History Museum in Denver, the Capitol Dome and the Georgetown Railroad.

Kristen will follow up with Lane and/or Joseph and other details for further discussion by the Board in July.

**Other.** The Board discussed the status of the George Crawford Grave study and the possibility of a grant application to the State Historical Fund in 2011 to at least begin some of the restoration work. Jon Schler stated that there would not be an October 2010 grant round but there will likely be one in April 2011.

Kathy Jordan has been doing research on Potters Field located along the Gunnison River just south of the confluence. It appears that it was the first cemetery in Grand Junction and could be another worthy Board project. The Board decided to hold its regularly scheduled July meeting at the cemetery site.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.