

Historic Preservation Board Retreat
Minutes – August 26, 2010

Present: Zebulon Miracle, Michael Menard, Scott Aker, Kathy Jordan, Jon Schler, Yvonne Piquette and John Slay

Also Present: Kathy Portner and Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services; Mike Perry, Museum of Western Colorado; Rich Sales, Colorado Center for Community Development; and Joseph Bell, Colorado Historical Society

The Board convened at 11:00 am at the Roper Music Ballroom. Guests and Scott Aker, new Board member from the Downtown Development Authority, were introduced.

What's going on with the Colorado Historical Society? Presenter: Joseph Bell, Vice President, Colorado Historical Society

Joseph provided some background of his familiarity with the Grand Junction area. One of the most notable projects he was involved in was while he was working with the State Historical Fund and oversaw the grant funds used on the Avalon theater reconstruction. He then discussed and provided a slide show of some of the more visible projects happening throughout the State for the properties owned by the Colorado Historical Society:

- New Colorado History Museum in Downtown Denver (scheduled to open in 2012)
- El Pueblo History Museum
- Fort Garland Museum and Pike's Stockade
- Fort Vasquez Museum
- Trinidad History Museum
- Ute Indian Museum

Minutes of July 6, 2010 Meeting. Board members suggested revisions to include further ideas that were brought up regarding Potters Field including the possibility of more research and more archaeological work utilizing ground penetrating radar. Michael Menard made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Jon Schler.

Review of Historic Preservation Board Workplan Developed September 2008. The Board reviewed the list of future projects or things the Board would like to keep informed about that had been developed at the last retreat in September 2008. Of those, the following had been accomplished in the last 2 years:

- **Certified Local Government (CLG)** – Dan Corson of the Colorado Historical Society attended a Board meeting in December 2008 to discuss CLG status
- **Create a Library of Resources**
 - Website – new page unveiled for 2009 Historic Preservation Month
 - Links – included on new web page.
- **History Article (Weekly in Daily Sentinel – ongoing)**
 - Highlight Properties
 - Highlight Preservation Techniques
- **City GIS** – flag historic properties, included on Neighborhood Services Map
- **2009 Historic Preservation Month**

- Create a Geo Cache Scavenger Hunt (work with Museum)
- Restoration Classes – attempted for 2009 Historic Preservation Month, little response
- Home Tour

It was noted that the following items are still of interest. The Board will look at prioritizing these ideas/projects at its October 2010 meeting.

- Demolition Ordinance
- Work with Museum on display of historic structures; also on updating the plaque(s) in the tower pertaining to historic preservation
- Sustainability/ green buildings – national conference in Denver
- Link historic columns to City web site
- 2011 Landscapes West with Botanical Gardens; coordinate with Lowes and Home Depot on restoration ideas and products
- Expand web site with more links – funding, books, NTHP magazine, National Parks Service Tech Briefs
- Participate in Downtown Operation Foresight Anniversary celebration (50 years in 2012)
- Proactively work with property owners for local historic designation

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.