

Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Minutes – December 1, 2009

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

The Board convened at 4:00pm at the Whitman Educational Center.

Minutes of August 11, 2009 Meeting. Yvonne Piquette made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Jon Schler.

Board Appointments. There are two Board positions open at the end of December due to expiring terms for Kathy Jordan and Bill Cort. The City Clerk has solicited input from the Board on any thoughts about the current membership and its needs. Both positions are as laypersons rather than persons with professional expertise so there is no need for the new appointees to have any expertise in the field. The Board's preference would be to reappoint Kathy and Bill as they are both eligible for reappointment. However, if someone new is considered, the Board discussed the desire for someone that had expertise in the construction field of historic preservation, maybe someone from a local contracting firm that has worked on historic buildings. Kristen will draft a letter to the City Clerk with these ideas for Kathy's signature.

2010 Historic Preservation Month Activities/Events. The Board discussed ideas for Historic Preservation Month in May 2010, including those listed below which will be further discussed at future meetings.

- Railroad Depot Event – waiting to see what happens to ownership and may be able to work on something with the new owner
- Historic Preservation Awards – Cheers Building, the Friends of the Depot group, persons involved in the legends sculpture project and the Avalon Theater are possible recipients
- Museum Events – not known at this time, will likely include a walking tour
- An exhibit of then and now photos – Kristen will look into display space, Kathy will look into putting something in the weekly history column.
- Conduct an oral history – Museum schedules these, Michael Menard can update at the next meeting

Railroad Depot Update. Jon and Kathy gave the Board an update on the status of the railroad depot. The building is up for sale/auction on December 2nd. Jon stated that the Colorado Historical Society is very interested in participating in saving the building. Kathy reiterated the same for Colorado Preservation, Inc.

The draft Historic Structure Assessment is under review by the Colorado Historical Society. The report should be finalized in early 2010. It will provide very good information for a future owner as to the condition of the building and a blueprint for its preservation.

Other Business

- Due to the current status of the railroad depot, Jon Schler suggested the Board look into the City adopting some form of a demolition ordinance. Yvonne stated that Fruita had adopted one as part of its historic preservation ordinance. Kristen will research and report back to the Board at the January meeting.
- The Board suggested that packets be provided to them electronically which Kristen will start doing in January. In addition, Board meetings will be held at the City Neighborhood Services office rather than at the Museum starting with the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.