

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – January 29, 2008

Present: Zebulon Miracle, Patti Hoff, Kathy Jordan, Bill Cort, Yvonne Piquette and Michael Menard

Not Present: Tom Streff

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2007 MEETING: Patti Hoff made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Kathy Jordan.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2007 MEETING: Kathy Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2007 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Patti Hoff.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH: The Board discussed upcoming events for May. Kathy Jordan reported that the date has been set for the annual Historic Home and Church Tour for Saturday, May 17th. Kathy and Kristen will submit a grant application to the Colorado Historical Society (due February 14th) to cover expenses to print the booklet.

It was decided that the 2008 Historic Preservation Award recipient will be presented to Hospice for the Miller Residence. The Board preferred to have the presentation at the May 5th City Council meeting. Kristen will contact Hospice and coordinate the award presentation.

Zebulon Miracle went over the events that will be sponsored or sponsored in part by the Museum during May. Andrew Gulliford will be speaking at the Museum on May 8th and there will be a downtown walking tour on May 31st.

Michael Menard reported that the May program for the Mesa County Historical Society will be a talk by Ken Johnson regarding the Redstone Castle on May 15th. Michael will follow up on the time and location of the presentation.

Bill Cort will look into the possibility of the Historic Board sponsoring a historic bicycle tour to be in conjunction with the annual Downtown Bike Festival on May 17th.

Kristen will coordinate getting information to the Colorado Historical Society regarding these events for the State-wide listing of events. The information is due to the State by March 1st.

Kristen will also follow up with getting events listed on the Community Cultural Calendar and in City and local newsletters.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR CITY CEMETERY SITES: Kristen is working on a grant application for the study of the McClintock and Crawford gravesites at the city cemetery. The Colorado Historical Society determined that the study would not fit an Architectural/Archaeological Assessment so a grant must be submitted during the general grant round due April 1st. The Board discussed who in the community might be able to help with determining a cost estimate for the application. Suggestions included the Grasso or other masonry companies, Ted Ciavonne from a landscape architect's perspective and some of the City maintenance workers that may have done some restoration work on other stone walls in the cemetery.

D&RGW RAILROAD DEPOT: The depot is presently on the real estate market and a potential buyer is interested in any preservation and grant information that might be available for the redevelopment of the depot for retail and museum uses. Kathy Jordan will gather pertinent information at the annual Colorado Preservation Inc. conference in February and Kristen will do the same through the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the State Historical Fund to pass on to the potential buyer.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board discussed other opportunities for providing educational materials regarding historic preservation to interested persons. A booth at the Downtown Farmers' Market might be a possibility through others that may already have a table such as the City or the Museum.

In order to continue to work on the Historic Preservation Month events prior to the March 1st deadline, the Board decided to hold a special meeting the week of February 25th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.