

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes -December 2, 2008

Present: Zebulon Miracle, Michael Menard, Kathy Jordan, Bill Cort and Yvonne Piquette Not Present: Harry Griff and Tom Streff
Also Present: Kathy Portner and Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services; Heidi Ham, Downtown Development Authority; and Dan Corson, Colorado Historical Society

The Board convened at 4:00pm at the Whitman Educational Center. Guest speaker, Dan Corson and other staff, Kathy Portner and Heidi Ham were introduced.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9,2008 MEETING: Bill Cort made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Kathy Jordan.

Certified Local Governments (CLGs)

Presenter: Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Service Director, Colorado Historical Society Mr. Corson provided each Board member with a packet of materials from the Colorado Historical Society and briefly described the history of the modern Historic Preservation movement. The Historic Preservation Act was adopted in 1966 as a result of urban renewal programs and the interstate highway system that had no consideration of the historic properties. In 1980, the Act was amended to create the Certified Local Governments program. 10% of State funding must pass through to CLG -Dan administers these funds

.Mr. Corson gave an overview of the Certified Local Government Program and its potential application in the City of Grand Junction.

Major points of his presentation and discussion:

- .109 local governments in Colorado have a historic preservation ordinance .The number of counties with ordinances is increasing
- .The Town of Avon adopted the most recent ordinance .37 municipalities in Colorado are CLGs .5 counties in Colorado are CLGs
- .The City of Brighton and the Town of Carbondale are the most recent CLGs -instituted the program as a way to help manage growth
- .CLG status can also be a tool for development of Heritage Tourism -40% of state tourism \$\$ is from Heritage Tourism
- .CLG is a contractual obligation -a municipality can opt out
- .Training sessions are made available to Commission members and staff .Advantages of CLG designation:
 - 0 Makes buildings on the local register (rather than just State or National Register) eligible for 20% State Tax Credits
 - 0 Municipality is eligible to compete for match-free grants through the CLG program for historic preservation projects
- .A CLG municipality must:
 - 0 Maintain a qualified historic preservation ordinance and a Historic Preservation Commission

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- 0 The ordinance must include criteria for designation and design review
- 0 40% of the Commission members must meet certain professional standards (or make an effort to meet)
- 0 Design review criteria must comply with rehabilitation standards
- 0 Submit and annual report of CLG activities to the Colorado Historical Society .An incentive program is recommended concurrent with CLG to assist with historic preservation projects
- .Louisville just instituted a tax increase specifically to be used for Historic Preservation in the community
- .The primary piece Grand Junction is missing is provision in the ordinance for mandatory design review. The review is required but the ordinance does not have to include mandatory compliance, although there are issues with not including mandatory compliance

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.