

## **Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

### **Minutes – August 22, 2007**

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

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

**RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR RESIDENCE AT 960 MAIN STREET:** The Board discussed the application made by the current owners of the residence at 960 Main Street, Thomas and Christine Orehek. The owners are attempting to remodel the home from being used as 7 apartments to a single family residence. In doing so, they are working with current building requirements that do not allow for some of the window sizes that presently exist in the home. The Building Department may be able to waive these requirements and keep the existing windows in tact if the building is designated historic. Thus, the applicant is requesting historic designation.

Kathy Jordan briefly summarized a history of the property. It appears that in 1900 a structure was built at 960 Main St., then in 1903 George Haskell built at home at the cost of \$1,360. Apparently Mr. Haskell was the owner of Haskell Drug that was located in the Cannon Building which is where wells Fargo is now. Mr. Haskell lived there for close to six years and according to the Grand Junction City Directory for the year 1909 Haskell drug had been sold, and Mr. Haskell was a druggist there. Some time around 1935 the house was converted to apartments as were several other homes along Main Street and became home for "War Brides" during World War II.

The Board found the property to meet the following criteria for designation: 1) property is greater than 50 years old; 2) the structure exemplifies elements for an architectural style; and 3) the structure is associated with notable persons within the community.

Kathy Jordan made a motion to forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council regarding the designation of the residence at 960 Main Street in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts with the findings summarized above. Bill Cort seconded the motion which was passed on a unanimous vote 7-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Historic Resources Survey Report – I-70B: A letter and a copy of the survey report for this proposed highway improvement project was received from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), soliciting comment from the Board. Michael Menard stated that the Museum had received a copy as well. There doesn't appear to be significant impact to historic resources identified in the survey. Kristen will send copies of the information to Board members to review. If further discussion is necessary, a Board meeting will be called in early September for that purpose. CDOT has requested comment by September 20, 2007.

Columbine School: Kristen described the current plans for construction of a new school on the Columbine Elementary School site. She will forward copies of the plans to the Board for informational purposes.

545 Lawrence Avenue: The owner of the residence at 545 Lawrence Avenue would like to pursue some financial assistance with the renovation of the home. A previous survey of the property by the Museum was submitted to the Colorado Historical Society that found the property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. If designation can be attained, the owner would be eligible for tax credits for the renovation work. The Board supported helping the owner with the designation process where possible. Kristen will obtain a copy of the inventory form that was previously completed and Board members can follow up with the owner after that.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.