

## **Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

### **Minutes – August 2, 2005**

Present: Zebulon Miracle, Bill Jones, Bill Cort and Judy Prosser-Armstrong

Not Present: David Sundal, Michael Mast and Tom Streff

Also Present: Bruce Hill, Mayor and Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

**RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION:** The Board considered the application by R.A. Schiesswohl, owner of the Schiesswohl Building at 560 Colorado Avenue / 131 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street for designation in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The building was originally constructed in 1908 by Jacob Schiesswohl and has been in the family since then. Jacob Schiesswohl was a notable and successful member of the business community with his real estate and insurance ventures. Board members noted that the building retains much of its integrity due to its location off of Main Street. The owners recently renovated the second floor which is now fully leased as office space. Kristen stated that the owners are pursuing designation in order to be eligible to apply for grants funds from the Colorado Historical Society State Historical Fund.

A motion was made by Bill Jones to forward the application to City Council with a favorable recommendation with the following findings: structure is at least 50 years old; exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; is an established and familiar visual feature of the City; enhances the sense of identity of the City; and is associated with a notable person(s) in the community. The motion was passed on a second by Bill Cort (4-0).

**DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR BRUCE HILL:** Mayor Hill discussed the status of the Williams House on the Jarvis Property and the challenges faced with the redevelopment of the property as a whole. He noted three major issues that will need to be addressed: the floodplain – either filling the property or construction of a levee; the impact of floodplain modifications on the Rosevale neighborhood on the opposite side of the river; and the relocation of the large power line that presently runs through the property.

The Board discussed a possible meeting with Council to discuss how the Board could better serve the ideas and goals of Council and the community regarding Historic Preservation. It was decided that Kristen should follow up with Kelly Arnold, City Manager to inquire about the most effective way to contact Council with the request.

**CITY FARMERS MARKET TABLE:** The City has a table at the weekly Downtown Farmers Market and the topic for the August 4, 2005 evening is historic preservation. Bill Cort and Zebulon Miracle volunteered to be at the table with staff for public assistance. Kristen handed out copies of the newly printed public information brochure that will be available for the Farmers Market evening.

**EXPIRING TERMS**

Kristen advised the Board of the two membership terms that will expire in December 2005 – Bill Cort and Judy Prosser-Armstrong. A letter will be sent out this Fall, both have served only one term and thus may seek re-appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.