

## **Historic Preservation Board Meeting**

### **Minutes – March 4, 2003**

Present: Dennis Pretti, Phil Born, Bill Jones, Tom Streff, Louise Wagner

Not Present: David Bailey and Doug Simons

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; Rocky Arnott and Shirley Clements, Christian Science Church

**MINUTES:** Dennis Pretti made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2003 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by Tom Streff (5-0).

#### **DISCUSSION OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH PROPOSED**

**ACCESSIBILITY REMODEL:** Rocky Arnott and Shirley Clements, members of the Christian Science Church located within the North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Residential Historic District, presented information regarding the Church's plans to provide an accessible access to the building in order to provide better access to the basement restrooms. Ideally, the project would involve the addition of an interior elevator with just a doorway added on the east end of the South-facing façade. The Church is working with architect Mike Oney to develop some concepts and inquired about possible funding. Kristen will follow up with the Church with a contact for the State Historical Fund.

Dennis Pretti stated that he would like to see that the access be as compatible and unobtrusive as possible. Tom Streff added that, if at all possible, there should not be any construction beyond the face of the existing south-facing façade. Mr. Arnott and Mrs. Clements agreed that the goals of the Church were to maintain the historic integrity of the 1929 structure and be sensitive to the rest of the historic district. Kristen stated that the proposal will come before the Board again when a final design is proposed as a Minor Change to the Planned Development (PD) zone district as have other modifications to structures within the 7<sup>th</sup> Street District.

**RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION:** The Board considered the application by Marjorie Montgomery, owner of the building at 317 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for designation in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The building was historically known as the St. Charles Hotel and is now known as the Sand Dollar Boarding House. Tom Streff noted that most railroad-related structures such as this one in the vicinity were gone – thus, there wasn't enough significance left to recommend approval of the designation. Other Board members stated that it would be helpful to have some indication of the intentions of the property owner for the future use of the building. Kristen noted that the building is within the area that is currently being studied as the "Southwest Downtown Redevelopment Plan" and that the Board should be aware of the results of that study prior to making a recommendation as well. Tom Streff made a motion to table the item until more information could be obtained from the owner as to the future use and historic significance of the building. The motion was passed on a second by Dennis Pretti (5-0).

**UPDATE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH ACTIVITIES:** Phil and Kristen have been working on securing display space for the annual student art exhibit. The Mesa Mall has been scheduled for the event for the entire month of May. Kristen is to meet with the Mall representative in mid-April to do a walk-through and select the exact location. The Museum of Western Colorado has some extra display panels that can be taken to the Mall to be used to hang the art. As in years past, the Board decided that the hanging of the display would constitute its May meeting and would be sometime near May 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom Streff will follow up with the art teacher at Palisade High to see if they are interested in participating this year.

The Board again discussed potential projects for the annual Historic Preservation Awards. The Mesa Supply building at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pitkin was suggested and, now that the Reed Building is underway, suggested that it also be given an award if it progresses enough by May. Kristen is to provide photographs of the Mesa Supply building for the Board to make a final decision on an award.

The idea of a movie at the Avalon Theatre was also discussed. Dennis Pretti thought that a silent film could be obtained from the Museum in Glenwood Springs and that perhaps David Bailey would be able to make that contact. Dennis is to follow up with David. Bill will contact Dave Fishell to see if he would be available to do an introductory presentation. Kristen will look into scheduling a weekend evening in May at the Avalon. The movie would also need some background music. Several Board members were going to check with various piano players to see if that could be worked out.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.