

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – December 2, 2003

Present: Bill Jones, Dennis Pretti, Bill Cort, Tom Streff, Judy Prosser-Armstrong

Not Present: Doug Simons and Louise Wagner

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

MINUTES: Tom Streff made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2003 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by Judy Prosser-Armstrong (5-0).

RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION: The Board considered the application by Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado, owner of the home at 3090 North 12th Street for designation in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The building was the homestead of Lawrence and Amelia Miller, one of the most well-known pioneer families of the Grand Valley. Board members noted that the house retains much of its integrity and the plans provided by Hospice would only enhance the appearance of the property. It is a very visible landmark situated on the crest of a hill – most residents of Grand Junction would recognize it. Judy Prosser-Armstrong emphasized that both Lawrence and Amelia Miller were well-known, active participants in the early Grand Junction community. Dennis Pretti stated that the Grand Junction Rotary Club has adopted the Hospice project as its “Centennial project” for the upcoming 100th year of Rotary. The Board wished to commend the property owner for its efforts thus far and intentions for future plans to rehabilitate the house and grounds and incorporate the structure in the overall project in a sympathetic manner.

It was suggested that a plaque should be included on the site to interpret its history and noted that the Board should follow the project as it progresses for a potential Historic Preservation Award in the future. A motion was made by Dennis Pretti to forward the application on 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 (5-0).

EXPIRING TERMS/SELECTION INFORMATION TO CITY

COUNCIL/ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR: Terms of three Board members will expire at the end of December 2003. Only one member is seeking reappointment. For a 7-member Board, the composition is lacking a required expertise position. The Board suggested that the City Clerk call David Sundal to see if he is interested since he had applied before and would have architectural expertise. The Board would be willing to operate as a 5-person Board as the ordinance allows 5 to 7 members. The Board deferred discussing selection of a new chair until its January meeting when a full Board is known.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR PHASE III HISTORIC SURVEY: Kristen reported that the Request for Proposals has been advertised and went to interested firms with proposals due back by December 23, 2003. Judy Prosser-Armstrong, Bill Cort and Bill Jones

expressed interest in participating in the selection process. Kristen had also asked David Bailey of the Museum to participate. A recommendation should be made to City Council by early February 2004 in order to meet the City's contractual obligations with the State.

COLORADO PRESERVATION INC. (CPI) BOARD REPRESENTATION:

Kristen stated that she had recontacted Pat Gormley to discuss a potential person to represent the Grand Valley on the CPI Board. Pat suggested a local attorney Rob Goodson or agreed Lon Carpenter may be interested. The Board also suggested contacting Steve Schulte, Ed Chamberlin, Blake Chambliss or Bill Sisson. Kristen will follow up with CPI with these suggestions.

2004 HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH: The Board briefly discussed the events that they would like to sponsor which included the annual student art exhibit (if a location downtown can be secured and possibly juried), a film or film(s) at The Avalon, the annual award(s) and coordination with other entities on valley-wide activities such as the Colorado National Monument and the communities of Collbran, Mesa, Palisade and Fruita. Judy mentioned that the Museum potentially has events such as the Indian gathering, a "Then and Now" photo exhibit and the annual Re-Enactor's Days. Kristen will begin to follow up on a downtown location for the art exhibit and look into the potential use of the Avalon.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.