

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – November 6, 2001

Present: Bill Jones, Barbara Creasman, Dennis Pretti, David Bailey, Louise Wagner and Pat Gormley

Not Present: Phil Born

Also Present: Ken Walter, The Walter Group; Dan Whalen, The Energy Office; and Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at City Hall in the Community Development Conference Room

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2001 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by David Bailey (6-0).

COLORADO RIVER TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR: Mr. Ken Walter of the Walter Group, subconsultant to the City working on the environmental review for this project gave an overview of the proposed corridor plan and reviewed more detailed maps for each segment of the proposed alignment. The purpose of Mr. Walter's visit with the Board was to gain further input regarding any known historical sites along the alignment. The only site noted was the truck farm just west of Redlands Parkway which has historically been used for agricultural purposes. The proposed alignment did not appear to impact much of the farm or the associated structures on the site. Between Redlands Parkway and Highway 50/5th Street, the Board noted the significance of the Williams House just west of Highway 50/5th Street. From Highway 50/5th Street east, the Board identified the sugar beet factory and noted an area of concern in the South Downtown area of Kimball and Noland Avenues where there are potentially eligible historic adobe homes. David Bailey is to provide Mr. Walter with any information or local histories about these homes available at the Museum. Mr. Walter encouraged Board members to attend upcoming public meetings on the Corridor project.

DISCUSSION OF GREYHOUND BUS STATION: Mr. Dan Whalen of The Energy Office informed the Board of his interest in acquiring and relocating his office to the Greyhound Bus Station on the northeast corner of 5th Street and Ute Avenue once the Bus has vacated the building. He stated that The Energy Office has outgrown its current office in space leased at and expressed the desired consolidation of office and equipment/material storage that could be accomplished at the Bus Station site. The Energy Office has approached City Council about acquisition since the City has an option to purchase the Bus Station in mid-2003 (provided copy of letter to Council). Barbara Creasman suggested that the City could pursue a Historic Structure Assessment grant for the Bus Station. Kristen will look into that possibility. Dennis Pretti made a motion that the Board believes the Bus Station has historical significance and would be supportive of any activity taken to maintain and enhance the historic character of the site. Louise Wagner seconded the motion which passes unanimously (6-0).

DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT(S): Barbara Creasman reported that the DDA was supportive of pursuing two downtown commercial historic districts: one along Main Street and a smaller Colorado Avenue district. The DDA will coordinate with Community Development to send out petitions, etc.

DISCUSSION / ADOPTION OF BYLAWS: The Board reviewed the revisions that had been made by staff at the Board's direction and added a few minor corrections. Kristen stated that Stephanie Rubinstein of the Office of the City Attorney had suggested the Board could include a cover letter when the signed bylaws are forwarded to Council, requesting consideration be given to waiving the term limitation or considering longer terms for this Board due to its specific make-up required by the Zoning and Development Code. It was decided that Kristen should draft a letter for the Chair's signature. Dennis Pretti made a motion to adopt the bylaws as revised. Pat Gormley seconded the motion which passed unanimously (6-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.