

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – February 7, 2000

Present: Pat Gormley, Barbara Creasman, David Bailey, Bill Jones, Phil Born

Not Present: Steve Schulte, Phil Born, Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; Jim Leany, Owner, D&RGW Railroad Depot

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Downtown Development Authority Conference Room.

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 1999 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by Barbara Creasman (4-0).

D&RGW RAILROAD DEPOT – UPDATE ON RESTORATION: Jim Leany, owner, stated that he is continuing work on the Depot restoration, but it has turned into a much larger and longer project than he expected. To date, he has invested \$1.1 million in the project which he expects will double by the time it is completed. Most of the work so far has been in items that are not that noticeable to the general public—roof work, new underground utilities and the streetscape improvements. Most recently, the refinishing of the seven great windows was completed and the windows will be put back in the building soon. The stained glass for the windows will be started soon. The brick has been cleaned on the street side and both ends of the building. The track side of the building will be cleaned in the spring. Jim has spent his second \$100,000 grant from the Colorado Historical Society (CHS) on the project and expects to apply for a third grant from CHS in an upcoming round.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK ACTIVITIES (MAY 14-20, 2000): Kristen stated that Phil Born is working on the annual art exhibit again this year. Wingate Elementary and West Middle School are being contacted for interest in participating this year. The exhibit will be at the Mesa County Public Library this year instead of Norwest Bank. Kristen will submit an application to CHS for a small grant to help cover expenses for the exhibit.

It was suggested that Ron Maupin receive this year's award for completing the renovation of the Haggie of Vendors façade at 510 Main Street. Other suggestions included Mesa County for the Courthouse or the Museum of Western Colorado for Whitman School. Since the latter projects are not yet completed, Ron Maupin was the preferred choice.

The Museum of Western Colorado will be re-opening on May 1, 2000 which coincides well with Historic Preservation Week. David suggested that the display of buildings on the local register be placed somewhere in the new facility if possible. He also suggested that the Historic Preservation Award be presented at the Museum as well. Kristen and Dave will continue to coordinate these activities.

Pat Gormley and Bill Jones mentioned that the Mesa County Historical Society is planning their May event in Lincoln Park which might be able to be coordinated with Historic Preservation Week. Pat, Bill and Kristen will follow up with the Society's President Judy Prosser-Armstrong

SELECT HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD CHAIR: Board consensus was to re-appoint David Bailey as Chair and appoint Pat Gormley as Vice-Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.