

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - March 1, 1999

Present: David Bailey, Barbara Creasman, Pat Gormley, Phil Born, Ed Chamberlin

Not Present: Steve Schulte

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Community Development Department; Linda Villa and Emilio Sena, Riverside Task Force

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Barbara Creasman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Pat Gormley

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Linda Villa and Emilio Sena representing the Riverside Task Force gave an overview of the group's intentions to renovate and utilize the Riverside Elementary School at 552 West Main Street as a community center for a variety of neighborhood activities and programs. The Task Force will be signing a lease with School District 51 on March 11, 1999 and are working with Chamberlin Architects to prepare a grant application to the State Historic Fund for a mini-grant to fund a feasibility study.

Ed Chamberlin stated that the school building is in good shape structurally but the flat roof is in need of immediate repair to stop leaking.

The Board decided on a March 10, 1999 meeting date on site to consider designation of the Riverside Elementary School in the City Register.

BOARD MEMBER TERMS: Kristen announced that Greg Walcher had officially submitted a letter of resignation to the City Clerk. The City will advertise for the vacancy on the Board.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: Plans are progressing for the following activities to occur during this year's Historic Preservation Week (May 8-16):

High School Art Exhibit to be Held at Norwest Bank Downtown

Museum of Western Colorado Special Exhibit

Presentation/Workshop at Avalon Theater on Monday, May 10th

Free Day at Museum Tower – Presentation of Preservation Award on Tuesday, May 11th

The Board's regular May meeting will be postponed to Friday, May 7th at Norwest Bank in order for members to assist with setting up the art exhibit. Kristen submitted a grant application to the Colorado Historical Society for \$200 to help fund the High School Art Exhibit. CHS has not announced awards yet.

Kristen and David will set up a photographic exhibit at the Museum of Western Colorado of the properties that are designated on the City Register.

Judy Prosser-Armstrong, president of the Mesa County Historical Society is organizing an evening event for Monday, May 10th to be held at the Avalon Theater. Projects and persons from across Mesa County interested in historic preservation will participate. The Board suggested a slide show by Dave Sundal would be a good introduction.

David stated that the Museum would hold a Free Admission Day at the Educational Tower on Tuesday, May 11th. The Board will present the annual Historic Preservation Award to the owners of the St. Regis Hotel at the top of the tower that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.