

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - March 10, 1999

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

Not Present: David Bailey, Steve Schulte

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; Linda Villa, Riverside Task Force

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am at the Riverside Elementary School, 552 West Main Street

RECOMMENDATION ON LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - 552 WEST MAIN STREET: Kristen explained that the Riverside Task Force was in the process of preparing a grant application for the April 1, 1999 round of the Colorado Historical Society State Historical Fund for a feasibility study of the Riverside Elementary School at 552 Main Street. In order to be eligible for the grant monies, the school building must be designated in a local, State or National Register of Historic Places.

Linda Villa, representing the Riverside Task Force, added that the Task Force will be signing a lease tomorrow (March 11th) with School District 51. Plans are already underway to start cleaning out the building. Linda led the Board on a tour of the building. The only major interior damage is from a leaking roof. Otherwise, the building is structurally sound.

The Board felt this building was a very recognizable location for many citizens, being along a major street and having been an operating school up until the early 1980s. Pat Gormley made a motion to forward the designation to City Council with a recommendation of approval for the following reasons: 1) the structure is more than 50 years old; 2) exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; 3) is an established and familiar visual feature of the community; and 4) enhances the sense of identity of the City. Phil Born seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

OTHER: Kristen announced that the City had received \$200 from the Colorado Historical Society to help fund the High School Art and Special City Hall exhibits during Historic Preservation Week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.