

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 1999

Present: David Bailey, Barbara Creasman, Steve Schulte, Bill Jones

Not Present: Pat Gormley, Ed Chamberlin, Phil Born

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm at the Jitters Cafe.

MINUTES: Barbara Creasman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1 and March 10, 1999 meetings. Motion was passed on a second by Steve Schulte (4-0).

RECOMMENDATION ON LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - 1015 Hill Avenue

The Board discussed the overall integrity of the home which appears in very good shape and is presently undergoing some restoration. Kristen stated that she had received a call from Board member, Phil Born, who had been able to tour the interior of the home during a site visit. Phil said that the home was a very good example, both inside and out, of its architectural style. He noted that, while the floors of the home were oak, the interior trim was not oak as the owner had noted on the inventory form—it appeared to be fir that had been stained an oak color.

The Board expressed encouragement to the homeowner to petition the neighborhood to pursue designation as a local district as recommended in the Phase 2 Historic Survey. The Board felt that designation of this home could serve as a catalyst to other homeowners' in the area to participate in creation of a historic district.

Barbara Creasman 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; and 3) enhances the sense of identity of the City. Kristen noted that Pat Gormley and Phil Born, although unable to attend the meeting, had both expressed support for the designation. Steve Schulte seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

RECOMMENDATION ON LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - 544 Rood Avenue (Mesa County Courthouse)

Kristen explained that the County was requesting designation of the Courthouse at this time in order to submit an application to the Colorado Historical Society for a grant from the State Historical Fund in the October 1999 grant round. The Board discussed the materials presented by the applicant about the building. The information was from the early 1980s historic survey and was very sketchy. Kristen had suggested that the County provide more information but was unable to come up with anything else in time for the submittal. David Bailey added that the Museum would be able to come up with some additional information. While the Board agreed that the building should be designated, the Board expressed encouragement to the applicant to develop a more complete documentation of the building. This information would only serve to enhance the significance of the property and strengthen their grant application(s) in the future. David Bailey will initiate the research at the Museum.

Barbara Creasman 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. Kristen noted that Pat Gormley and Phil Born, although unable to attend the meeting, had both expressed support for the designation. Steve Schulte seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.