

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – December 6, 1999

Present: Pat Gormley, Barbara Creasman, Steve Schulte, Bill Jones, Phil Born

Not Present: David Bailey, Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; Jim Raff, Mesa County Facilities and Parks Department

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

MINUTES: Steve Schulte made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 1999 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by Barbara Creasman (5-0).

MESA COUNTY COURTHOUSE – UPDATE ON REHABILITATION EFFORTS: Jim Raff, Mesa County Facilities and Parks Department, stated that the exterior project that he had previously presented to the Board had been completed. This included replacement of cornices and other damaged Indiana limestone. The next phase of rehabilitation was to replace the exterior west basement door. It is presently a metal door and the architect found a manufacturer in Massachusetts that has a similar wooden door that is metal clad that will have a very similar look to the existing door. The County is budgeting to reroof the courthouse in about a year and a half and will be applying to the Colorado Historical Society for a multi-phase grant. Jim is still pursuing having the Court House designated on the State and/or National Register. He is also requesting that the State consider designation of some of the interior courtroom spaces.

RECOMMENDATION ON APPOINTMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BOARD: Kristen stated that the Board positions held by Phil Born and David Bailey were to expire in December 1999. A letter from Phil Born was received requesting to be reappointed but David Bailey had not yet responded. Therefore, with it unknown whether David would request reappointment, the Board should recommend a possible appointment to Council. Upon discussing the applications recently received for positions on the Historic Preservation Board, it was decided that the recommendation should be: First Choice - Contact David Bailey one more time to solicit his letter requesting reappointment; Second Choice - William Putnam; and Third Choice - James Rankin.

OTHER: The Board expressed interest in having others provide similar updates on ongoing preservation projects. In particular, the Board suggested asking the owner of the Railroad Depot, Jim Leany, to attend the Board meeting in February 2000. Other updates suggested included the St. Regis and Melrose Hotels. Kristen and Barbara will contact owners.

Phil Born inquired about local designation of the Fairmont Hall. Judy Armstrong has done some research on it that would be sufficient for an application. Kristen will research the owner for possible contact. Approval by the owner is required for designation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.