

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - March 2, 1998

Present: David Bailey, Barbara Creasman, Pat Gormley, Steve Schulte
Not Present: Ed Chamberlin, Greg Walcher, Phil Born

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 1997 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Barbara Creasman.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: Plans are progressing for the following activities to occur during this year's Historic Preservation Week (May 9-17):

- High School Art Exhibit to be Held at Norwest Bank Downtown
- Elementary School Tours
- Newsletter/Newspaper Articles
- Museum of Western Colorado Special Exhibit
- Proclamation by City Council
- City Hall Special Exhibit
- Televise Video

Kristen submitted 2 grant applications to the Colorado Historical Society for \$200 each to help fund the High School Art Exhibit and the City Hall Special Exhibit. CHS has not announced awards yet.

PRIORITIZE ON-GOING/FUTURE PROJECTS: The Board discussed a draft list of priority projects prepared by Kristen based on notes from an informal meeting of some of the Board members. The Board supported the outlined items including: Creation of Downtown District(s); Update Survey Database; Survey 1940s/1950s Subdivisions/Resources City-Wide; and Create General Guidelines for Residential Areas.

The Board also discussed the idea of providing lists to City Council/general public regarding "At Risk Buildings" and "Inappropriate Restorations". The Board decided this approach was not appropriate--it would tend to discourage rather than encourage property owners/investors from pursuing restoration of downtown buildings. The approach should be more positive and offer assistance to owners in advance. It was suggested that a sub-committee or team from the Board be assigned to be a "Tactical Response Team" to seek out buildings/owners that are subject to change (renovation, ownership, remodel) and work with them to provide technical assistance where possible, assist with designation process, etc. The Board suggested discussing this again when more members are present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.