

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes -April 6, 1998

Present: Greg Walcher, Pat Gormley, Barbara Creasman, Ed Chamberlin, Steve Schulte

Not Present: David Bailey and Phil Born

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

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 March 2 and March 10, 1998 meetings. Motion was passed on a second by Greg Walcher (5-0).

DISCUSSION OF ON-GOING/FUTURE PROJECTS: The Board continued discussion of the future projects. The Board felt that publishing a list of "at risk" buildings was useful in drawing attention to historic structures, similar to the "endangered" lists that the State and the National Trust publish each year but would like to come up with another name for the list. This would be more useful than criticism of improper restoration projects after the fact. Ideas for the list "projects we'd like to see happen" or "projects that are endangered". It was suggested that the list could be published around the time of Historic Preservation Week/Downtown Development Authority annual dinner. Some buildings that could be included: Jarvis House, Sugar Beet Factory, Court House, Dinosaur Valley, and Whitman School. It was suggested that Kristen draft a letter for David Bailey's signature to Mesa County regarding their future plans for the Court House, but commending them for continuing to maintain and utilize this historic structure.

The Board also decided to give preservation awards during Historic Preservation Week for projects that have made a significant contribution to historic preservation in Grand Junction. This year's award is to be given to the residents of the Lincoln Park District (12th & Gunnison). Kristen and Barbara will work on a certificate/plaque to be presented at the May 6, 1998 City Council meeting during the proclamation of Historic Preservation Week.

This topic should continue to be on the Board's agendas for further discussion.

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT - MAIN STREET: Petitions had been sent to owners of property between 3rd and 8th Streets in early March with a return deadline of March 27th. Barbara will report at next meeting status of returns--60% approval is necessary to proceed with a local district designation.

UPCOMING PROJECTS ON MAIN STREET: Barbara stated that P.J. McGovern, P&L Properties, current owners of the Enterprise Building are interested in a historic renovation, as are the owners of the Mesa Theater and Amber Floral. The Board suggested inviting these owners to a future Board meeting to present plans/discuss a potential project.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: Kristen updated the Board on the status of events/activities for the week. The Historic Preservation video will be shown on Channel 12 prior to Planning Commission and City Council in late May and early June. Phil Born will need assistance setting up the art display at Norwest Bank on May 8. This can be discussed at the regular May meeting.

OTHER: The Board decided to schedule regular meetings a 4:00 pm rather than 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm on a motion by Barbara Creasman and second by Ed Chamberlin.