

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - May 4, 1998

Present: Pat Gormley, Barbara Creasman, Ed Chamberlin, Steve Schulte, David Bailey

Not Present: Greg Walcher and Phil Born

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department; PJ McGovern and Dena Carpenter of P&L Properties LLC owner of the Electric Building; and Dave Ash, Francis Constructors

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at the C.D. Smith Building

MINUTES: Barbara Creasman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 1998 meeting. Motion was passed on a second by Ed Chamberlin (5-0).

RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC BUILDING DESIGNATION - 101 S. 3rd STREET: Representatives of the owner, P&L Properties, LLC, PJ McGovern and Dena Carpenter reviewed the history of the Electric Building and provided historic photos of the building at two different times--one in the 1920s and one in the 1940s/50s. The Electric Building was the first steel frame structure in Grand Junction and was associated with Orson Adams, a prominent businessman and banker in the community. Minor modifications in the early years and major modifications were done in the 1960s when the Raso Family obtained and redeveloped it as the "Enterprise Building". With the assistance of Francis Constructors, the present owner would like to restore the facade of the building and reconstruct the missing architectural elements such as the cornice.

Pat Gormley made a motion to recommend approval of the designation of the Electric Building at 101 S. 3rd Street in the City Register, noting that it met the following criteria for designation: structure is at least 50 years old; exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style; is associated with a notable person in the community; is an established and familiar visual feature of the community; and enhances the sense of identity of the City. Steve Schulte seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0).

RECOMMENDATION ON HISTORIC BUILDING DESIGNATION - 619 Chipeta Avenue: The Board discussed the materials submitted by the petitioner/owner Mr. Robert Joyner who has recently rehabilitated the structure. The house is a small Classic Cottage with hipped roof and dormer. It was pointed out that the home lies within an area identified in the Phase 2 Historic Resources Survey as a potential local district. Kristen passed around recent photographs submitted by the owner to illustrate the work that had been completed. Board members noted that the asphalt shingle roof had been replaced by a sheet metal roof and that this was not consistent with the architectural style of the home. However, the Board noted that overall the building did meet the criteria for local designation, particularly due to its association with Jacob Schiesswohl, a notable businessman in the community. Steve Schulte made a motion to recommend approval of the designation of the residence at 619 Chipeta Avenue in the City Register, noting that it met the following criteria for designation: structure is at least 50 years

old; exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; is associated with a notable person in the community; and enhances the sense of identity of the City. Barbara Creasman seconded the motion which passed unanimously (5-0). Board members suggested that information be passed on to the petitioner that the Board can be used as a resource for review of appropriate historic treatments since Mr. Joyner owns several other historic residential and commercial structures in the City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: Kristen, David and Phil will be available to help set up the art display at Norwest Bank on May 8th. Photographic displays will be placed at the Museum and City Hall this week as well. The historic preservation video will be aired on Channel 12 before City Council and Planning Commission during May and early June. Kristen provided a copy of the historic preservation award certificate that will be presented to the property owners in the Lincoln Park District at the May 6, 1998 City Council meeting. David Bailey will be present at the meeting to accept the proclamation of Historic Preservation Week and present the awards. Elise Prinster and a few other residents of the District will be in attendance.

OTHER: The Board will be the program for the June meeting of the Mesa County Historical Society. Barbara, Pat, David and Kristen will coordinate with the Museum and the Society regarding the content of the program which will be held June 3 at 5:30 pm at the CD Smith Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.