

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - January 6, 1997

Present: Phil Born, Steve Schulte, Pat Gormley, Ed Chamberlin and Barbara Creasman

Not Present: David Bailey and Greg Walcher

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 1996 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Barbara Creasman.

UPDATE ON LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - EAST SIDE GROCERY: The Board had recommended denial of the designation for the East Side Grocery at 741 Main Street. The property owner was to go to hearing December 18th but postponed because he was unable to attend the meeting. A letter was received by Council from a former occupant of the building, expressing similar concerns with the designation. Kristen circulated a copy of the letter to the Board. The letter has been provided to the owner. If the owner is still interested in pursuing the designation, a new date for hearing before City Council will be scheduled.

PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL: The Board reviewed an outline Kristen had prepared for the presentation to City Council regarding results of the Phase 2 Survey and general historic preservation activities. The Board prefers to schedule for the February 3, 1997 Council workshop. Debra Semrau of the Museum Group should be available to present the Phase 2 Survey results. Board members should be present to discuss current and future projects with Council. Kristen will contact Board members to determine those that will be available to attend the workshop.

Debra Semrau will cover purpose, goals of survey, areas of City covered, summary of findings and recommendations. Kristen will prepare some maps to accompany the presentation. The Board will cover current and ongoing projects including creation of commercial and residential districts, the public information brochure, grant applications, promotion with video, distribution of survey information, designation of properties, assistance with grant applications and historic preservation week activities. Future projects the Board would like to present include research and review historic preservation-related design guidelines to assemble a library of resources for property owners, historic preservation element in downtown neighborhood plan as developed. continue survey work. Point out that ultimately these steps could lead towards preparing a Historic Preservation Plan for the City, adoption of more formal design guidelines and achieving Certified Local Government status. Based on this discussion, Kristen will revise the presentation outline and prepare a more detailed staff report for the workshop.

Due to the workshop falling on the normally-scheduled Board meeting date, there will be no February 1997 Historic Preservation Board meeting.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT(S): Kristen and Barbara are continuing to work on putting together information and a petition to send to downtown property owners. Individual designations for those who may want to participate in the facade grant program will probably be sought before an entire district can be created. Update of the inventory forms for some of the buildings within the Phase 1 survey area will be necessary. Barbara will check with David Bailey as to the availability of someone with the Museum Group to assist with the update.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS: Steve Schulte has been serving as Chair since Sandy Karhu's departure last summer. He would like to continue serving as Vice Chair but a new Chair needs to be selected. The Board suggested nominating David Bailey as Chair. A vote will take place at the next meeting after David has been contacted.

1997 HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: The Board discussed potential activities for this year's Historic Preservation Week in May. Phil Born will pursue the highschool artwork as last year but the Board decided we should include as many highschools in the valley as possible (Palisade, Central, Fruita-Monument and Grand Junction).

The Board would also like to pursue some showings of the video at elementary schools during the week and perhaps a television showing. Kristen will follow up with the new television station and write to schools. Other possible activities will be discussed at upcoming Board meetings.

DAY AND TIME OF BOARD MEETINGS: After some discussion, the Board decided to leave meetings on the first Monday of the month but begin at 4:30 pm instead of 4:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Steve Schulte.