

# Historic Preservation Board Meeting

## Minutes - April 7, 1997

Present: Phil Born, Greg Walcher, and Barbara Creasman

Not Present: Steve Schulte, David Bailey, Ed Chamberlin and Pat Gormley

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

**MINUTES:** Postponed action on the minutes of the March 10, 1997 meeting due to lack of quorum.

**LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - RASO BUILDING:** The Board discussed the application submitted by Shari Raso representing Raso Properties for designation of the Raso Building at 461 Main Street (formerly the Woolworth Building). While the Board agreed the building does meet the criteria for designation but they would like more information to ensure that the building is going to be restored to its original appearance if at all possible. A decision was postponed until the applicant could provide more information including: a historic photograph, how the building will appear after the rehabilitation is completed, evidence of what is underneath the metal on the corner and the pink tiles on the east facade, and whether the new entrance proposed was historic or not.

**LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - HOTEL MELROSE:** The Board discussed the application submitted by Sabrina and Marcus Bebb-Jones for designation of the Hotel Melrose located at 337 Colorado Avenue. The owners would like to reconstruct the front facade to look as it originally did (parapet with some details) and intend to submit an application to the Colorado Historical Society for a grant through the State Historical Fund for the May 15, 1997 grant round. Members had questions about the interior of the building (e.g. floorplan, how many rooms, condition of rooms, etc.) and agreed it would be interesting to schedule a tour of the building. The Board found that the building did meet the following criteria for designation: 1) structure is at least 50 years old; 2) exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; 3) enhances the sense of identity of the City; and 4) is an established and familiar visual feature of the City. Greg Walcher made a motion to forward the nomination to City Council with a recommendation of approval. Phil Born seconded the motion which passed (4-0 - absentee vote from Steve Schulte).

**1997 HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK:** The Board will not have a regularly scheduled meeting in May but will meet at Norwest Bank downtown on Friday, May 9 at 4:00 pm to set up the student art exhibit. Kristen suggested that the Mayor read a proclamation of Historic Preservation Week at the Bank on Monday morning (May 12th) as an opening of the exhibit. Phil Born will look into the possibility with the Bank and with the schools to see if students would be able to attend. Phil will also check on the status of shows for Palisade and Fruita-Monument.

Kristen reported that KJCT has now agreed to show the video twice during that week for a fee of \$500. Exact dates and times have not yet been determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

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Additional information on the Raso Building was provided by the applicant at a later date and distributed to Board members. Upon review, Board members were polled for their decision on the item on April 30, 1997 with a vote of recommendation for approval to Council (6-0).