

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - June 2, 1997

Present: Phil Born, Steve Schulte, David Bailey, Pat Gormley and Barbara Creasman

Not Present: Greg Walcher and Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 1997 and April 7, 1997 meetings. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Barbara Creasman.

LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION - RESIDENCE AT 625 CHIPETA AVENUE: The Board discussed the application submitted by Nancy Salas-Hijar for designation of the residence at 625 Chipeta Avenue. It was noted that the home is of unusual size and design given its location off the major streets in the area (e.g. 7th Street and Gunnison). It has unusual architectural features that are still intact. The nomination could be justified on the home's association with the original owner, Dwight Bailey who ran a well-known grocery store believed to have been located in the Oddfellows Building on the southeast corner of 5th Street and Rood Avenue.

The Board decided that, although this residence is located in a potential local historic district as determined by the Phase 2 survey, the home could be listed individually. The owner should be notified of the potential district and encouraged to talk with neighboring property owners about the formation of the district.

The Board found that the residence 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) is associated with a notable person within the community; and 4) enhances the sense of identity of the City. Pat Gormley made a motion to forward the nomination to City Council with a recommendation of approval. Steve Schulte seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO: The Board briefly reviewed the latest design rendering for the proposed addition and tower for the new museum. David Bailey noted that the tower is taller than previously planned. The Board believed the proposal will make an entry statement into the downtown area but that the design should better conform with the materials and forms used in the masonry portions of the existing and proposed buildings. The metal "x's" appear too industrial.

1998-1999 CITY BUDGET: Kristen stated that the City is beginning the budget process for the next two-year cycle and that the Board should consider an appropriate budget request for the coming years. The Board reviewed a listing of projects to be pursued that had been discussed with City Council last February. Members agreed that none of the projects appear to be large budget items. They are more administrative and volunteer efforts such as meeting with
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neighborhoods, putting information together, etc. There were no projects identified that would require a grant match for a potential application other than the possibility of developing design guidelines for a downtown district.

The Board also agreed that a larger budget (e.g. \$2,500 - \$3,000) should be proposed to cover costs such as those incurred for Historic Preservation Week activities, the possibility of an intern for 3 terms (Spring, Summer, Fall) to assist with administration and special projects such as inputting the Phase 1 survey data into the Phase 2 survey data base, training for staff and Board members, and general costs such as photography and postage.

Kristen will provide the Board with a more specific listing of expenditures to date and a proposed budget at the regular July Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm on a motion by Steve Schulte and second by Phil Born.