

## Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - February 5, 1996

Present: Sandy Karhu, Pat Gormley, Philip Born, David Bailey

Not Present: Ed Chamberlin, Steve Schulte, Greg Walcher

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by chair Sandy Karhu at City Hall, Conference Room A

**MINUTES:** Chair Karhu asked for approval of the minutes of the January 8, 1996 meeting. Other than typographical errors, there were no changes. The minutes were approved on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Phil Born.

**GOODWILL BUILDING:** The Board further reviewed an application by Kreg Obergfell, Architect to nominate the Goodwill Building to the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts which had been tabled at the previous meeting. Kristen Ashbeck went over some additional information that had been provided including a letter from the property owner indicating the future use of the building, CDOT plans for the 5th Street viaduct reconstruction, and the draft land use/growth plan in this area.

Pat Gormley stated that the owner should be encouraged to improve his property and made a motion to recommend approval of the designation with the following findings regarding the Goodwill Building: 1) more than 50 years old; 2) exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period; 3) exemplifies cultural, political, economic or ethnic heritage of the City; and 4) is associated with a notable person in the community. Sandy Karhu pointed out that it is important to know the future use of the building, but it is not one of the criteria listed in the historic preservation ordinance by which a property is evaluated for designation. David Bailey seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Kristen mentioned that City Council will be receiving some revised Growth Plan information in early March, and that this item would be scheduled for Council's 2nd meeting in March (March 20, 1996).

**EDUCATIONAL VIDEO:** The Board discussed the Colorado Historical Society's comments and general comments of the Board about the initial version of the video submitted Grand River Films. Sandy also had some written comments from Steve Schulte and David Bailey had a summary of the Museum's comments. The Board agreed that the present format of the video did not meet the original intentions of the project. Although it is a very professional piece and parts are very good and should be kept, the Board made the following observations: it is too long (12-15 minutes requested, video is 25 minutes); the interview monologues are too long and there is too much footage of faces rather than buildings; not enough characterization of the community; too much emphasis on the Avalon HPB Minutes / February 5, 1996 / page 2

and Depot projects; does not explain enough about the historic preservation process; assumes that the viewer already knows a lot about the history of Grand Junction and historic preservation; and the history of the City is covered too fast and some of the chronology is incorrect.

The plan will be to provide written comments to Grande River Films as soon as possible, then have a few people (Sandy and Steve volunteered to assist Kristen) work closely with Grande River Films to give them some concrete comments/suggestions and assist with the editing. If scripting for voiceover is determined to be necessary, the Board will develop it as originally intended in the Scope of Work for the project. David Bailey will assist with the history portion.

**PHASE 2 HISTORIC BUILDING SURVEY:** The Museum Group is currently concentrating on the original square mile and will be submitting the next 400 inventory forms in mid-February. David Bailey indicated that they are starting to develop some ideas for potential preservation and conservation districts.

**PUBLIC HISTORY CLASS UPDATE:** Sandy Karhu, Barbara Creasman and Kristen Ashbeck met with Steve Schulte's Public History class on January 29, 1996 to discuss the Board's ideas on developing a general information brochure on historic preservation. The class will be conducting research on the topic and developing a format for the brochure.

**POTENTIAL DISTRICTS WITHIN PHASE 1 SURVEY AREA:** The Board decided to defer this discussion until a meeting when Barbara Creasman can attend and possibly until some information from the Phase 2 Survey is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Phil Born.