

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - March 4, 1996

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

Not Present: Ed Chamberlin, Greg Walcher

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department, Barbara Creasman, Downtown Development Authority, Jon Schler, Colorado Center for Community Development, Rusty McLouth, Mesa State College

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by chair Sandy Karhu at the C.D. Smith Conference Room

MINUTES: Chair Karhu asked for approval of the minutes of the February 5, 1996 meeting. The minutes were approved as written on a motion by David Bailey and second by Pat Gormley.

VISITORS: Jon Schler informed the Board that the recently-formed Delta Historic Preservation Board would like to attend a Grand Junction Historic Preservation Board meeting and perhaps exchange some ideas. He will let them know that the next Board meeting is April 1, 1996 and see if the Delta Board is interested in visiting at that time.

PUBLIC HISTORY CLASS UPDATE: Rusty McLouth, project leader for Steve Schulte's Public History class reported on the progress to date regarding the public information brochure. Rusty has divided work into 4 categories: 1) frequently asked questions; 2) legislative process and legislation; 3) history of Grand Junction; and 4) why historic preservation. Rusty will edit drafts of the various sections--the goal is to have two sections ready to present at the next Board meeting. The class is looking into the use of photographs and will provide an insert in the brochure that lists designated properties. The insert could then be easily updated as the list is expanded. The project is to be completed by the end of the semester (early May), they hope to have a layout ready by mid-April.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: The Board reviewed information received from the Colorado Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding this year's Historic Preservation Week (May 12th thru 18th). The Board selected some ideas to pursue including a proclamation by the Grand Junction Mayor and an article in the newspaper (Kristen to write with Barbara's help). Phil Born is to pursue an art contest regarding historic sites through the local high school art departments. It was suggested that both local television stations be contacted to see if the educational video could be shown during that week. Kristen will also contact the newspaper about the possibility of a photo page with a "Name that Building" game.

POTENTIAL MAIN STREET DISTRICT: Before beginning to determine possible boundaries for a district(s), the Board requested that staff prepare a map for the next meeting that covers a larger area than that included in the Phase 1 Survey Report (requested 2nd to 8th, Grand to Pitkin). The map should indicate the Phase 1 information, any known results from Phase 2, and any other buildings that have been surveyed or designated. The Board could then begin to consider a larger district or several smaller districts within this area.

DEVELOPMENT OF BYLAWS: Kristen discussed this with the City's legal staff prior to the meeting. The suggestion is that the Board develop Meeting Rules rather than Bylaws. The rules would be more applicable to the advisory capacity of the Board. The Board suggested that the following topics be included in the rules: when to vote/what items, voting by proxy, meeting attendance, and selection/terms of officers. Kristen and Sandy will work on developing a draft to present to the Board at an upcoming meeting. Examples from other Boards within the City and the DDA might be useful examples.

RECENT STATE HISTORICAL FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS: Barbara Creasman updated the Board on the recent submittals to the Colorado Historical Society for grants: Railroad Depot Windows and other Exterior Renovation - \$100,000; Downtown Facade Renovation Program - \$100,000; White Hall Window Protection - \$30,000; Mesa Theater Feasibility Study - \$5,000; Van Gundy Building Feasibility Study - \$5,000; and Emerson/R-5 School Renovations - amount unknown. Kristen added that the Mesa County Historical Society and the Redlands Community Club had each submitted \$5,000 grant proposal to reprint historical documents. Announcement of awards will be April 19 for the mini-grants and May 17 for the general grants.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS: David Bailey updated the Board on the Phase 2 Survey. The base data work is almost complete. The first submittal to the State has been revised per their comments. The second submittal is due the end of March. The project has been extended from early May to mid-July due to the time taken to revise the first submittal. The Historic Preservation consultant is scheduled to visit in early May.

Kristen reported that some editing was accomplished on the Educational Video and the revised version is to be submitted this week by Grande River Films. Some voice-over and additional montages of residential and commercial buildings were added to better convey the character of the community and some basic information about historic preservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Steve Schulte.