

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - April 1, 1996

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

Not Present: Ed Chamberlin, Greg Walcher, Steve Schulte

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department, Barbara Creasman, Downtown Development Authority, 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 March 4, 1996 meeting. The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Rusty McLouth's last name on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by David Bailey.

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. There are currently two sections completed and edited that will be sent to Sandy and Kristen later this week. Completion of the remaining three sections should be completed by mid-April. A paste-up of the approximately 5-page document should be completed in time to mail copies to Board members in advance of the May meeting. Rusty will attend the May meeting to get any further input before a final layout is completed.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: The Board discussed the status of planning for activities/press during the upcoming Historic Preservation Week May 12-18. Phil Born has contacted the Grand Junction High School photography and art teachers regarding a student exhibit of works related to historic preservation. The students will need some color and possibly black and white film--Phil to check on how many rolls. Board members could donate a limited number of rolls. Phil will also look into an exhibit space--probably one of the banks downtown.

Barbara Creasman reported that there is a lot of activity going on downtown May 18 with the Museum hosting a Native American gathering, chamber music performances at the Avalon, and the annual Art On The Corner sculpture change. David Bailey might be able to organize a historic walking tour, but the 18th would be difficult because of the Museum's activities that day. He will look into organizing a tour on the 12th. David also stated that the Museum will have a special exhibit re: historic preservation and the current historic survey during Historic Preservation Week.

Kristen has talked with Lorena Davis of the Sentinel and Kristin Winn, the City's public relations staff. Lorena will at least do an article during that week and will look into a

special photo page to do the "Name That Building" game. She will also run a schedule of/cover any events or activities that the Board might plan. Kristin Winn stressed the need to at least organize some activity or event to draw more attention. She suggested an article in the May City newsletter (Kristen Ashbeck to write) and a general press release. She will also contact the television stations about programming the video to be shown that week or at least have them build a story around excerpts from it.

Kristen has talked to the Mayor about doing a proclamation on-site rather than just at the Council meeting--perhaps prior to the walking tour? Ron Maupin seemed receptive to this. Pat suggested in front of the Margery Building or Dalby-Wendland, as a central location within the potential downtown district. Kristen will follow up with Ron.

POTENTIAL MAIN STREET DISTRICT: The Board reviewed an aerial photo map prepared by staff that indicated which properties within the study area (2nd to 8th, Grand to Pitkin) had been inventoried to date by both the Phase 1 and Phase 2 historic survey projects, as well as those that have already been designated on the City or National Register. In looking at the map block-by-block it was decided to first determine which other potentially-eligible properties need to be inventoried. Barbara suggested including some areas along the south side of Pitkin (e.g. 6th & Pitkin) and the railroad depot in the study area. Once identified, those could possibly be picked up by the Phase 2 survey. Also, once identified, the Board can begin to determine boundaries of the potential district(s). Kristen will go over the map and indicate those properties known to be ineligible or non-contributing and attempt to identify those that still need to be inventoried. Sandy, Barbara, and Kristen will then meet and site-verify these before the Board reviews it again.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS: Kristen updated the Board on the Phase 2 Survey. The first submittal (300 inventory forms) has received approval by the Colorado Historical Society and the second submittal (350 forms) was submitted late last week. Kristen will be meeting with the Museum Group next week to review what has been completed to date and to determine areas in which we may want further work (e.g. the downtown district area), depending on how many forms are left to be done (contract is for 1,000 inventory forms).

Kristen reported that the contract for the video had been closed out and that 10 copies and a master of the production were received. Copies will be made available to the public to be checked out from the library, museum, school district and the Community Development Department. David Bailey stated that the Museum is interested in reproducing more copies (perhaps 50) for even greater distribution if the City will allow the reproduction. Kristen will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Phil Born.