

Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - June 3, 1996

Present: Sandy Karhu, Pat Gormley, Ed Chamberlin, David Bailey, Steve Schulte and Phil Born

Not Present: Greg Walcher

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

Prior to the meeting, the Board members assisted in hanging the exhibit at Norwest Bank Downtown re: Historic Grand Junction by the Grand Junction High School art classes. The Museum of Western Colorado donated materials and Kristen supplied signs and took photographs of the exhibit.

The meeting was then called to order at 4:30 pm by chair Sandy Karhu at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Chair Karhu asked for approval of the minutes of the May 6, 1996 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Pat Gormley and second by Steve Schulte.

RECAP OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK: Since the Board's goal this year was to simply make an initial attempt at promoting historic preservation, the week was a success with the following activities accomplished:

- 1) Special exhibit at the Museum of Western Colorado regarding historic preservation
- 2) Art work related to historic sites completed by Grand Junction High School art classes (put on public display today)
- 3) May City and DDA newsletter articles
- 4) Article in Daily Sentinel 5/12/96
- 5) Proclamation by Mayor Ron Maupin 5/1/96
- 6) Press release by City
- 7) Historic Downtown Walking Tour in conjunction with Chamber Music Festival 5/19/96

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Phil Born reported that the high school art teachers were very interested in participating again

next year but needed a little more time to prepare. Phil suggested that other high schools be invited to participate as well. The Board reiterated the importance of having a small budget to work with on this and other projects. Sandy suggested that the Board begin working on 1997 Historic Preservation Week by November/December this year.

LETTER TO NATIONAL REGISTER PROPERTY OWNERS: The Board reviewed a draft of a letter that could be sent to owners of structures that are on the national Register, inviting them to pursue local designation. There is no real incentive to do so, the \$60.00 fee is a disincentive. Pat Gormley made a motion that the Board institute a procedure whereby buildings already designation on the State or National Register could be "grandfathered" on the local register. A review fee would not be charged but it would still require a letter of approval from the property owner. Ed Chamberlin seconded the motion that passed unanimously (6-0). With a few minor revisions noted, the Board instructed Kristen to go ahead and send the letter.

USE OF EDUCATIONAL VIDEO: The Board further discussed use of the video. A presentation to Council should be scheduled at either a special meeting or a regular Council workshop. Kristen will talk with Assistant City Manager, David Varley, concerning scheduling. The Board suggested that we begin scheduling with various local service groups to show the video and send out a letter of interest to some select groups (e.g. VCB, Airport Authority Board, Chamber of Commerce, MCEDC) to see if others are interested in purchasing copies of the video for their own use. Steve mentioned that the College would probably be interested in a couple of copies. The Board discussed how profits from the sale of the video could be redirected to a Historic Preservation Fund. This is an item to discuss with Council at the meeting when the video is presented.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS:

Steve reported that two students from the Public History class are interested in continuing/completing work on the brochure. Steve, Sandy and Kristen will meet with the students and determine a work schedule for the summer.

Kristen updated the Board on award of State Historical Fund grants. The D&RGW Depot received another \$100,000 but the DDA facade renovation project and others sponsored by the DDA were not funded this round.

Pat Gormley reported that the Avalon will likely receive a restoration award next week from Colorado Preservation Inc.

David Bailey reported the condition of the Hardy House (on Colorado behind Avalon) after a recent fire. The house was to be moved to Cross Orchards but between the fire and subsequent vandalism it is virtually destroyed and the Museum has abandoned the project. The Museum will salvage some remaining details/fixtures if possible.

David also reported that the national meeting of the Santa Fe Trail will be held at the Museum of Western Colorado this weekend (June 8-9). Dedication of the trail in Grand Junction will be Sunday, June 9th. The trail did pass Congress as a part of the National Trail system sponsored by Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. Due to the designation, some funding may be available. A map of the trail is available at the Museum of Western Colorado.

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