

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - October 7, 1996

Present: Barbara Creasman, David Bailey and Ed Chamberlin
Not Present: Pat Gormley, Phil Born, Steve Schulte, Greg Walcher
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm at the C.D. Smith Building.

MINUTES: Barbara Creasman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 1996 and August 5, 1996 meetings. The motion passed unanimously on a second by David Bailey.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP: Kristen announced that the City Council had appointed Pat Gormley to fill Sandy Karhu's vacant position and appointed Barbara Creasman to represent the DDA Board (filling Pat's former position). David Bailey's and Phil Born's terms expire in December 1996. If they wish to seek reappointment, they should send a letter of interest to the City Clerk.

RESULTS OF PHASE 2 SURVEY: Kristen had provided Board members with a copy of the Survey report for Phase 2 of the Historic Resources Survey prepared by the Museum of Western Colorado. The Board decided that the information should be presented to City Council, including the Board's prioritization of the activities/actions recommended by the report. The Board will discuss this in detail at the November meeting and suggested that Debra Semrau of the Museum and members of the press be invited to attend. The Board would like the newspaper to cover the results of the survey. A presentation to Council would then be scheduled for a workshop in November/December. Kristen will prepare an executive summary for the Council and the Board to review.

A specific recommendation of the Phase 2 Survey is designation of a residential district on the southeast corner of 12th Street and Gunnison Avenue. Several members of the Board and staff have had conversations with Elise Prinster, a resident in the area. The Board decided that they should support and assist the residents to help expedite the process if the neighborhood is indeed interested. Kristen has already provided Ms. Prinster with a copy of the pertinent portions of the survey report, a sample inventory form, a sample petition, and information about the local designation process. The Board suggested that staff provide the residents copies of the inventory forms for all of the properties within the potential district area.

POTENTIAL MAIN STREET / DOWNTOWN DISTRICT(S): Kristen had refined a map indicating four possible districts downtown: 1) Main Street and Community Center Buildings; 2) Little Italy/RR Depot; 3) Whitman/Colorado; and 4) Lower Downtown/Industrial Area. The districts all approach having 75% or more contributing buildings. The Board will discuss the next steps of the designation process when prioritizing the other actions proposed in the survey report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.