

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes - December 2, 1996

Present: Phil Born, Steve Schulte, Pat Gormley, and Greg Walcher

Not Present: Barbara Creasman, David Bailey and Ed Chamberlin

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development Department

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

MINUTES: Pat Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 1996 meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a second by Greg Walcher.

UPDATE ON LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS

The Board had recommended denial of the designation for the East Side Grocery at 741 Main Street. Kristen contacted the property owner who is still interested in pursuing the designation. A date for hearing before City Council has not yet been determined. Several Board members expressed interest in attending the workshop and/or hearing if needed to discuss the Board's recommendation with Council.

The Western Colorado Botanical Society has temporarily dropped its proposal for designation of the residence at 641 Struthers Avenue. The Board had requested more information to justify the designation. Elizabeth Harris of the Botanical Society had contacted Jon Schler who indicated that grant monies from the Colorado Historical Fund would be questionable. Therefore, the Society did not pursue a grant in the November 1996 round for which the designation would be required. The Society may pursue it for the May 1997 grant round.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF PHASE 2 SURVEY: The Board members present decided that it would be better to discuss this when there were more members present. Kristen will develop an outline for the presentation to City Council for the Board's review at the January 1997 meeting and tentatively schedule the item for a February 1997 Council workshop. The Board felt it would still be helpful to have someone from the Museum Group at the workshop to present the Phase 2 Survey information.

UPDATE ON FACADE AND OTHER GRANTS: The DDA submitted a grant application to the State Historical Fund requesting \$100,000 to be matched with local resources. The funds will be used to start a revolving loan/grant program for facade restoration work on downtown commercial buildings. Guy Washburn, owner of White Hall, also submitted a mini-grant application through the DDA to do some repair work and a feasibility study.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm on a motion by Steve Schulte and second by Phil Born.