

Historic Preservation Board
Minutes – January 4, 2011

Present: David Bailey, Kathy Jordan, Jon Schler, John Slay and Chris Endreson

Not Present: Michael Menard and Scott Aker

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

Welcome and Introductions. The Board met new Board members, Chris Endreson, an architect with the Blythe Group and David Bailey, Curator with the Museum of Western Colorado. Both bring a wealth of related experience and knowledge to the Board.

Minutes of December 7, 2010 Meeting. Jon Schler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by John Slay.

Phases 1-3 Historic Structure Surveys – Discussion of Results and Eligible Properties. The Board continued its discussion of the results of the three historic structure surveys that have been completed over the last 15 years. The first phase primarily covered the commercial core on Main Street and Colorado Avenue; the second phase covered the original square mile, the Lincoln Park area, North 1st Street, Orchard Mesa and portions of South Downtown; and the third phase covered some areas near Lincoln Park, Pear Park, North Avenue and Post-World War II era areas around Sherwood Park and 12th and Orchard.

Kristen provided a summary with photos and maps of each of the areas covered in Phases 1 and 2, showing concentrations of various types of architecture and locations of historic neighborhoods and potential districts. The Board discussed information that could be tailored/provided to various neighborhoods such as a brochure regarding the history of the neighborhood, FAQs about historic preservation, tips for renovation, etc., depending on the age and/or styles of the structures. The discussion will continue with Phase 3 information at a future meeting.

Activities/Events for Historic Preservation Month – May 2011. Michael Menard had let Kristen know that the Historical Society's May presentation will be on May 19th and will be a talk on Forts of Western Colorado by Terry Hammer. Other activities/events the Board would like to pursue include those below and will be further discussed at future meetings.

- Annual Historic Preservation Award
- Kathy Jordan's weekly history column will cover the history of a different neighborhood each week throughout May such as Orchard Mesa, Lincoln park, Brownsons (St Marys area) and Little Italy near the RR Depot
- Publish a list of demolished buildings to draw attention to preservation
- Do another "I Spy" contest in the Sentinel
- Create windshield tour of unique homes, Sears and Roebuck houses, etc. Could be podcast, brochure and/or CD

- Create brochure(s), FAQ sheet, old house information to provide to owners in the various historic neighborhoods.

The Board suggested that this Historic Preservation page on the City's web site be easier to find. Kristen will look into a domain specifically for historic preservation and/or a better link on the front page of the web site.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.



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December 8, 2010

RE: Wayne Aspinall Federal Building Rehabilitation and Modernization
Grand Junction Colorado CHS #57981

Dear Ms. Collins,

This letter is in response to your correspondence of November 10, 2010 which was received on November 17, 2010, regarding the project referenced above; specifically, it's possible impact on the historic structure. The Grand Junction Historic Preservation Board reviewed the GSA proposal at its regular meeting on December 7, 2010 and offers the following comments/questions.

- 1) The Board generally concurs with the proposal as presented. The GSA and the architectural design team has done an excellent job so far with the design of exterior features (accessible ramp and solar array) so as to minimize impacts to the overall historic character of the Aspinall Building.
- 2) The Museum of Western Colorado regularly provides tours of portions of the Aspinall Building, primarily to view the mural that is in the southwest corner stairwell. The Board would like to make sure that this is still accessible to be viewed by the public on these pre-arranged tours.
- 3) Also, for public educational opportunities, the Board would suggest there be an exhibit that tracks or at least reports on the energy use of the building somewhere inside where it is fairly accessible to the public on pre-arranged tours or authorized visits.
- 4) Since the project heavily involves energy use components, will there be any electric vehicle plug-ins built into the project?
- 5) The Board would like to receive information regarding the interior rehabilitation as it progresses as suggested by your letter to Mr. Corson in item 1 of the Project Description. The Board would like to review the treatment of windows and doors (if impacted) and incorporation of some of the suggestions mentioned above during the interior phase(s) of the project.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be involved in this exciting project and look forward to further information as it progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact Kristen Ashbeck with the City of Grand Junction Neighborhood Services Division (970.244.1491) if you have questions about the Board's review of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Jordan".

Kathy Jordan Chair
Grand Junction Historic Preservation Board