

**Historic Preservation Board**  
Minutes – February 8, 2011

Present: David Bailey, Kathy Jordan, Jon Schler, Michael Menard and Chris Endreson

Not Present: John Slay and Scott Aker

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

**Minutes of January 4, 2011 Meeting.** David Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by Michael Menard.

**Booth at Landscapes West Education and Outdoor Living Expo.** Jon Schler stated that the Board will share a booth with the Botanical Gardens – no other non-profit booths had become available. The Board decided to participate on Saturday, March 12th only with the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Several Board members are available to man the booth, shifts will be determined at the March meeting. Some information suggested for hand-outs: general brochure, sample of a historic survey inventory form, and a plant list for historic landscapes. Kristen also has a notebook available with lists and photos of all of the designated structures. David will check to see if the Museum has any giveaway items.

**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 third phase primarily covered the post-World War II era areas around Sherwood Park and northeast of 12<sup>th</sup> and North Avenue. Kristen provided a summary with photos and maps of each of the areas covered in Phase 3, showing concentrations of various types of architecture and locations of historic neighborhoods and potential districts. The Board continued to discuss ideas on providing information to homeowners and the general public. Kristen stated that Daniel Gartner of Chamberlin Architects was interested in working with the Board on this type of a project. Daniel had done a presentation about architecture at the Art Center and had a very good turnout. The Board invited Daniel to attend the next meeting and Chris will invite Peter Icenogle and Justin Stein from Blythe Design as well. Kristen will produce maps for the Phases 1 and 2 areas survey and send the packet out in advance to Daniel.

**Activities/Events for Historic Preservation Month – May 2011.** The Board continued its discussions of activities/events the Board would like to pursue for this year's Historic Preservation Month.

- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Presentation at Museum, 12:00 - Terry Hammer on Forts of the Western Slope and Military Exploration Routes
- Need to find out more on other Museum events in May
- Annual Historic Preservation Award – David Bailey suggested the Board recognize the DDA for the work completed on the Schiesswohl Building. Board members will bring other ideas to the March meeting.

- 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
- Kathy will follow up with the Sentinel about publishing a list of/article about demolished buildings to draw attention to preservation
- Do another "I Spy" contest in the Sentinel – focus on neighborhood architecture
- Work on ideas/events with local architects regarding neighborhood architecture
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street Home Tour

Kristen looked into a domain specifically for historic preservation and/or a better link on the front page of the web site. The separate domain requires a separate website – other City groups such as the Arts Commission paid to have a web site designed. The City will have a new web site soon which should be easier to navigate to find the Historic Preservation Page. There will at least be a link on the front page for Historic Preservation Month as there has been in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.



Andrea Collins Regional Historic Preservation Officer  
US General Services Administration  
Denver Federal Center Building 41/Room 240  
Denver Colorado 80225

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