

Historic Preservation Board
Minutes – March 29, 2011

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

Not Present: Scott Aker

Also Present: Daniel Gartner, Chamberlin Architects and Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

Minutes of March 1, 2011 Meeting. David Bailey made an addition to the list of Museum of events for May to include a Grand Opening of the new exhibits at the Sterling T. Smith Educational Tower and Kathy Jordan noted that the item regarding publishing a list of demolished buildings was no longer being considered. Jon Schler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by Michael Menard.

Letter of Support for St. Regis Hotel Grant Application. The owners of the St. Regis Hotel are working on a grant application to the State Historical Fund for the April 1st grant round. The grant would be to complete some exterior preservation work such as repair of the cornice, the cupola and the entry canopy, repair to some brick and repair of emergency access stairs. The grant will be matched with funds from the Property Owners Association and the DDA façade improvement program. Kristen presented a draft letter and the Board approved signing and submitting it.

Historic Preservation Forum. The event, to be called the Old House Forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 5th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Grand Junction High School in the Math Building. Daniel Gartner presented his list of 8 volunteer instructors and topics. Jon Schler added that he would like to do a presentation regarding the historic designation process and grants. The Daniel and the Board discussed logistics of the event and advertising ideas. Kathy Jordan's April 29th history column will cover the event. David Bailey will follow up with the Sentinel about doing a column and advertising in the Out and About and put information out in the Museum's e-newsletter. It was decided that a display ad in the Sentinel would be cost prohibitive. Kristen will have the City put out a separate press release on the event, put information on the City's web site and send the press release to Michael Menard for publication in the Mesa County Historical Society newsletter. Kristen will check with the school about tables in the hallway of the building for information and whether or not it is possible to have refreshments in the building. Daniel will have a final list of instructors and topics by April 15th. Those participating will meet at the school on Tuesday, April 26th at 4:00 pm to finalize logistics.

Other Activities/Events for Historic Preservation Month – May 2011. The following events/activities are confirmed for this year's Historic Preservation Month. Kristen will provide information on the City events to History Colorado for the Statewide listing of events and have the City put out a press release.

- Museum Events
 - May 1st – Grand Opening of new exhibits on Sterling T Smith Educational Tower

- May 19th, Oral History Presentation at Museum, 12:00 - Terry Hammer on Forts of the Western Slope and Military Exploration Routes
- May 20th – Downtown Grand Junction Walking Tour. 5:30-7:00 pm. Meet at the Museum
- I Spy Contest – Kathy Jordan, Jon Schler and Chris Endreson will take photographs and work with the Daily Sentinel for a May 1st publication. David Bailey confirmed the Museum will again offer a family membership as prize(s).

Recap of Booth at Landscapes West Education and Outdoor Living Expo. Jon Schler, John Slay and Kathy Jordan each covered a 3-hour shift at the booth on Saturday, March 12th. They all felt the effort was worthwhile with people showing interest in projects like the Depot, the walking tours with a suggestion to be able to download them from the City's web site and general information in historic preservation. It was suggested that the Board could raffle something as that is very popular at this kind of event. The Board agreed that it should participate in this or other events of its type next year.

Next Meeting. The Board decided there would not be a regular May meeting since members will be organizing and attending Historic Preservation Month events and activities during the month of May.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.