

**Historic Preservation Board**  
Minutes – June 7, 2011

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

Not Present: Scott Aker and Kathy Jordan

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at the property at 319 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

**Minutes of March 29, 2011 Meeting.** Jon Schler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) on a second by Chris Endreson.

**Review Request for Assistance re: Preservation of 319 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.** Kristen had been contacted by the owner, Marjorie Montgomery, regarding preservation of the building that historically was the Eliopulos Grocery Store. The Board examined the outside of the building and detected a strong odor of natural gas – Kristen will notify the owner. The storefront of the building has been significantly altered and there appeared to be structural concerns with at least the north-facing wall being bowed. The building also has a substantial addition on the back that is not in keeping with the historic character. The owner had told Kristen that it was in need of a new roof and that a contractor had said the Building Department would likely require construction of new walls to support a reconstructed roof.

**Visit 226 Pitkin Avenue.** The Board then walked to the nearby building also owned by Marjorie Montgomery. The building is the former Stranges Grocery Store, is already on the local register and has been placed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places List. The Board discussed the next steps for the preservation of this building which is in much better shape structurally and exhibits original character versus the Eliopulos Store. Kristen stated that Colorado Preservation Inc. has been following this property since it was listed on the Most Endangered Places List and had been working with the owner to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Board decided, that of the two buildings, its efforts should be focused on the Stranges Store. Kristen will follow up with Colorado Preservation Inc. to determine where/how the Board might be able to assist.

**Recap of Historic Preservation Month Activities and Events.** The Board discussed Historic Preservation activities and events that had occurred in May, in particular those sponsored by the Board – the I Spy newspaper contest and the Old House Forum. The Board felt both should be done again but perhaps look at another time of year (e.g. winter) to offer something like the Old House Forum when attendance might be better. The Board signed a thank-you to Daniel Gartner for all of his help with organizing the Forum.

After deciding there would be no regular July meeting since it fell the day after the holiday and several members would be out of town, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.