

Historic Preservation Board
Minutes – October 4, 2011

Present: Kathy Jordan, Jody Motz, Jon Schler, David Bailey, Michael Menard and PJ McGovern
Not Present: Chris Endreson and Kevin Reimer
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00 pm at City Hall

Introduction of New Board Member. The Board met new Board member, PJ McGovern who is co-representing the Downtown Development Authority along with Kevin Reimer. PJ and Kevin will be alternating attendance at the Board meetings.

Minutes of September 13, 2011 Meeting. Jon Schler made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by Jody Motz.

Discuss Charrette for Depot Area. The Board discussed the idea of conducting a charrette and reviewed design proposals that have been done in the past for the railroad depot area of downtown. The City's Westside Downtown Plan addressed much of this area but was completed prior to the Parkway being constructed that has had an impact on traffic through downtown. In addition, the Friends of the Depot group worked with an intern with the Colorado Center for Community Development and developed more detailed concepts for the Depot area. Kristen had looked into funding possibilities through the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Endowment grant application timing would not work for a spring activity but the National Trust grant application is due February 1st so would work better for the timing of the charrette in the spring.

PJ McGovern summarized the current status of the Depot based on discussions the Downtown Development Authority has had with the Friends of the Depot, Colorado Preservation Inc., Mesa County and Alpine Bank. He believed that in order to continue to plan for redevelopment of that area of downtown, the uncertainty of what is happening with a Ute-Pitkin realignment must be addressed. The involvement in and approval of realignment ideas by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is critical to continue to move forward. David Bailey, Michael Menard and PJ McGovern also expressed concern with the homeless situation in this area of downtown in particular, the Whitman Park area. Planning and redevelopment of this part of downtown will also need to address this.

Jon Schler will contact the National Trust regarding the grant application and PJ McGovern will contact the City's Transportation Engineer, Jody Kliska regarding CDOT's involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.