

## Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Minutes – September 5, 2017

Present: Brandon Stam, Priscilla Mangnall, Chris Endreson and Ron Parron

Not Present: David Bailey, Jody Motz and Troy Reynolds

Also Present: Linda Rattan, Citizen; Lucinda Cross, Citizen; Bennett Boeschstein, City Council; Tamra Allen, Community Development Director; and Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development

The meeting was called to order 4:30 pm at City Hall.

**Minutes of August 1, 2017 Meeting.** Ron Parron made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) on a second by Brandon Stam.

**Introductions.** Tamra Allen, Community Development Department Director introduced herself to the Board and citizens present.

**Presentation and Discussion with Downtown Residents.** Two community members were scheduled but unable to attend the meeting to present information to the Board. Several other community members were in attendance and noted the following concerns. The presentation will be rescheduled for the October Board meeting.

- Forming a downtown historic district
- Having representation from the Historic Preservation Board on decision-making e.g. City Council or Planning Commission. Bennett noted that he is supported of historic preservation and is presently that voice on City Council.
- Bennett stated that there is a need for some downtown multifamily but that density and compatibility need to be addressed.

### Updates and Discussion

- **D&RGW Railroad Depot** – Bennett had been in contact with the owner who is assembling potential tenants and has contracted with Kraai Architects to work on schematic plans funded by a grant through the State Historical Fund. Brandon added that the owner is looking for a few very visible anchor tenants to create a destination at the Depot.
- **Creative District** – Brandon and Bennett stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) via several musicians with the Grand Junction Symphony are interested in pursuing the designation of Downtown as a Creative District. It is not a taxing entity but would serve as a way of gaining access to national and statewide marketing, advertising and social media opportunities as well as other benefits and technical assistance. Brandon added that as a first step, the DDA has applied for a Creativity Lab Initiative grant that will facilitate a community self-assessment and help identify top priorities or focus areas that will help the community move forward in the area of creativity endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.