

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting
Minutes – February 6, 2018

Present: David Bailey, Jody Motz, Ron Parron, Greg Gnesios, Troy Reynolds and Brandon Stam

Not Present: Chris Endreson

Also Present: Bennett Boeschstein, City Council; and Kristen Ashbeck, Community Development

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Minutes of November 7, 2017 Meetings. Ron Parron made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2017 meetings as written. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by David Bailey.

Review of 2017 Annual Report / Discussion of Goals / Activity Ideas for 2018

Kristen had provided the Board with the 2017 Annual Report that included accomplishments of the Board, subcommittees of the Board and staff to the Board. As a follow-up to the contents of the report, David Bailey provided the Board with an update of the historic building marker project. Markers for approximately half of the original list of buildings have been installed and there are 4-5 more that the group is working on. The Museum will be doing a press release to celebrate the accomplishment.

The following items were then discussed for 2018 Board activities:

- 1) Historic Preservation Month (May) – David Bailey reported that the Museum will be conducting several events since they have hired a new Educator. Kristen stated that the North 7th Street Historic District would likely be having a walking tour during May. There were no further ideas suggested for the month.
- 2) Certified Local Government Presentation – the Board would like to invite History Colorado staff out to provide a presentation. Kristen will look into whether it could be a possibility for May, perhaps coordinated with the Museum.
- 3) Involvement with CMU Public History Class – the class is working on an exhibit of the Las Colonias history as previously researched by the University. The exhibit will be at the campus library. Dave is working with them for interpretation ideas. The Board may be able to assist with advertising the event.
- 4) David suggested that a historic preservation pub crawl could be led by the Museum. The Board decided this was a good idea and Brandon suggested it be in conjunction with the annual downtown Art Fest October 5-6. 2018.
- 5) Kristen stated that there could be some opportunities to provide neighborhood assistance to those wanting to pursue designation of a historic district or organize a walking tour.

Lowell School. Brandon stated that the DDA will be seeking a grant to conduct a Historic Structure Assessment of the school (R-5) and requested that the Board provide a letter of support for the application. Kristen will draft a letter for Board review/approval.

Colorado Most Endangered Places List. Kristen provided the Board with copies of the Colorado Preservation Inc. brochure on the 2018 Most Endangered Places List. As always, CPI is looking for more nominations from this area so the Board should think about submitting a (some) nomination(s) in 2018. A couple of sites were suggested that can be further explored: Indian School and Graveyard or the Tunnel, Colorado town site. Applications are due August 20, 2018 for the 2019 list. Kristen stated that they are also always looking for new people to help review the sites.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.