

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting
Minutes – March 1, 2016

Present: Chris Endreson, Scott Wolford, Troy Reynolds, David Bailey, Jon Schler and Jody Motz

Not Present: Jodi Coleman-Niernberg

Also Present: Peter Booth and Priscilla Magnall, Legends Committee and Kristen Ashbeck, City Community Development

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Endreson at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Minutes of December 1, 2015 Meeting. Troy Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by Jody Motz.

Historic Building Markers. Peter Booth and Priscilla Magnall were present representing the Legends Committee to discuss historic markers on historic buildings. The committee has a list of potential buildings and had briefly reviewed the mock-up markers that the Board has been working with. Some of the committee was in agreement with the work that has taken place so far. The Legends committee is in the process of its final sculpture, a 3D relief panel, which will be unveiled May 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the breezeway across from the Avalon. The committee will have some remaining funds, some of which will be used to establish an ongoing Legends sculpture maintenance fund but the remainder could be used as seed money to establish a historic marker program.

The committee recommended that a Historic Marker Committee be formed with members from the Legends group, the Historic Preservation Board and possibly the Museum of Western Colorado. The Markers committee would be responsible for selecting sites, creating the final format for the signs, and the text and imagery to be used. Scott Wolford reiterated that it is important to decide the format up front. Chris Endreson stated that it would be good to narrow the choices down to three options for the new committee to review. Jon Schler suggested he could help pull a Markers Committee meeting together. Jon Schler made a motion to continue working on the progress of the historic building marker program in conjunction with the Legends Committee. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) on a second by Jody Motz.

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- **Award.** It was suggested that the Legends Committee receive the 2016 Historic Preservation Award for its work on the Legends sculpture project to further public knowledge of the community's heritage. Scott also recommended a house on Main Street that has recently undergone some restoration work. Kristen will follow up with the Legends Committee and Jon Schler volunteered to go look at the house on Main Street for a potential award.

- **Other Board Activities.** The Board suggested the possibility of publishing the walking tour in the Daily Sentinel or possibly the Senior Beacon including a web link with the QR code that was developed by Chris Endreson. Kristen will follow up with the papers.

- **Museum Events.** David Bailey listed several events including the ongoing Heritage Rendezvous, a Western Colorado Weaponry exhibit, and some digs for children. David will send a more detailed list to Kristen to be included in a press release re: all events going on in the Valley.
- **Other Events.** Kristen will find out about possible events happening in Palisade and Fruita.

Other. Kristen passed around information from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) regarding a bridge project across the Lewis Wash on F-1/2 Road just east of Thunder Mountain Elementary school. CDOT is conducting an Environmental Review for the project which includes review of historic resources in the vicinity. The review identified three potentially eligible historic homes and the current bridge (concrete box culvert). CDOT's review concluded that none of these were considered eligible for designation; thus, the new bridge project will not have not have any negative impact on historic resources. The Board concurred and Kristen will write a letter in response.

Kristen stated that demolition of the historic jail was on hold. The Downtown Development Authority, among others, would like to look at it again for potential reuse. The Board suggested perhaps the Art Center should be contacted – the space could possibly be used as an incubator for the arts.

A couple of properties were brought up as potential nominations to the Most Endangered Places list this year: the town of Tunnel and the Regional Center. Applications are typically due in August so the Board will follow up at that time.

Jon Schler made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Troy Reynolds and passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.