

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.



Community Gallery
Aurora History Museum
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO

Present: Chair Gordon Tucker, Secretary Lynne Evans, Amy Bailey, Charlie Peters, Michael Ackman and Michael Lockwood

Absent: Julie Weinheimer

Excused: Elizabeth Hamilton

Staff: Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

Guests: Garry O' Hara, Chris Geddes, Courtney Morehouse

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Gordon Tucker called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on November 13, 2018 were accepted via motion.

II. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield explained the Section 106 compliance process to the Commission.

Section 106 reviews: No reviews affecting historic properties. However, a proposed development on the Fitzsimons property could affect historic properties on Quentin Street and Quari Way. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield is investigating.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: No progress.

Centennial House: New signage is finalized and should be installed by March. No progress on the replacement steps.

Smoky Hill Train Signage: The sign is funded and fabricated and awaiting installation.

Loafing Shed: Drake met with Scheuber & Darden Architects, LLC on November 8, 2018 and work should start in the spring. SCHEUBER

Landmark Booklet: The Landmark Booklet has been updated and "Storyline" has been updated on the Historic Sites website.

New Landmark Booklet: A draft of the new landmark booklet was given to HPC commissioners to read for format and grammar errors. Please give Drake feedback by January 31st.

DeLaney Farm: The words Historic District have been added to the DeLaney Farm signage.

Loafing Shed: Construction documents are underway for the loafing shed.

Stanley Aviation Guard Shack: The Scheuber & Darden Report for the guard shack at Dallas and 25th Streets is complete. Drake may apply for a CLG grant for the work. SCHEUBER

Damage to Landmarks: Drake met with a Historic restoration contractor about fixing the window at Gully House. He is looking into the cost of repairs at Fitzsimons Guard House and the ramp for Coal Creek School.

Budget: \$30 remains from the 2018 budget. \$6,600 is the budget for 2019.

III. Old Business

Tax Credit Resolution: The Tax Credit Resolution passed at the January 7, 2019 City Council Meeting. Drake will present information on the new Tax Credit Resolution to the HPC at our regular February meeting.

Lowry Building 880 Signage: No real progress. Chris Geddes will contact the USAFA alumni group again.

Strait Lumber: The landmark application is progressing.

1557 Dallas: Still researching the property. Chris Geddes may have information on the property that she collected for her Master's thesis.

Cultural Heritage Sites: Commissioners can look into sites to designate. Possible sites to consider: former White Spot building (now a Mexican restaurant) on Colfax, VFW Hall by the Victory Grange, and the residence at 1400 Dallas.

Plains Conservation Center: Eric Watts, Open Space Department, is in charge of developing a master plan for the PCC. Drake and Gordon will be involved.

VIII. New Business

HPC Candidates: The HPC had 5 candidates for the three open positions. The Interview Committee (Elizabeth Hamilton and Gordon Tucker) interviewed all 5 candidates. On behalf of the Committee, Chair Gordon Tucker moved that Megan Barnes, Chris Geddes, and Courtney Morehouse be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote. BERENS

Hoffman Heights: The commission needs to be aware of changes happening in Hoffman Heights.

Sub-Committees: The HPC Strategic Plan talks about the creation of sub-committees. This is something we need to work on.

February 8, 2019 items will include:

- Tax credit resolution/CLG
- Update on Smoky Hill Trail Marker
- Update on Melvin-Lewis Cemetery landmark nomination
- Update on Strait Lumber landmark nomination
- Update of 1557 Dallas landmark nomination
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Cultural Heritage site ideas
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Master plan for Plains Conservation Center/consideration as a cultural heritage site
- Update on Fox neon sign grant
- Coal Creek Ramp
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VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: January 1, 2019

Approved by:  Date: 2/12/2019