

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.



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

Present: Chair Gordon Tucker, Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Charlie Peters, Michael Ackman, Julie Weinheimer, Amy Bailey, Michael Lockwood, Chris Geddes, Courtney Morehouse, and Megan Berens
Staff: Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Gordon Tucker called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on February 12, 2019 were accepted via motion.

Commissioner Geddes moved that the regular HPC meeting be suspended for the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morehouse. The motion passed by voice vote.

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:33.

II. Public Hearing on the construction of an ADA-compliant accessibility ramp and the addition of outside lighting for Coal Creek Schoolhouse.

The Public hearing on the installation of an ADA-compliant accessibility ramp and lighting at Coal Creek Schoolhouse began at 6:34 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist, Drake Brownfield presented the architectural plan for the ramp and the reason for the light as well as a picture of the proposed light.

Commissioner Hamilton moved that the construction of an ADA-compliant accessibility ramp be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinheimer and passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Geddes moved that the installation of the Drake Gooseneck Light on the exterior of Coal Creek School be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman and passed by voice vote.

III. Public Hearing on the installation of a little library at DeLaney Farm Historic District.

The Public hearing on the installation of a Little Library at the DeLaney Farm Historic District was called to order at 6:55 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist, Drake Brownfield, presented the plan for the installation of a free Little Library in the shape of the Round Barn. The Little

Library and its support post were donated by the Toll Gate Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and the John DeLaney Society Children of the American Revolution.

Commissioner Weinheimer moved to approve the installation of a Little Library at the DeLaney Farm Historic District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geddes and passed by voice vote.

IV. Public Hearing on the installation of a collocation of wireless antennas atop the roof of Stanley Marketplace.

The Public hearing on the installation of a collocation of wireless antennas atop the roof of Stanley Marketplace was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield briefed the Commission on the proposed installation of two shrouded equipment areas on the roof of Stanley Marketplace.

Commissioner Hamilton moved that the installation of a collocation of wireless antennas atop the roof of Stanley Marketplace be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morehouse and passed by voice vote.

A motion to return to the Regular March 12, 2019 HPC meeting was made by Commissioner Ackman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinheimer and passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Regular March 12, 2019 HPC meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

V. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield gave his report to the Commission.

Section 106 reviews: No reviews affecting historic properties.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: Close to finalization.

Centennial House: Sign is in fabrication.

Smoky Hill Trail Signage: The sign placement is still unresolved.

Loafing Shed: Should receive final construction documents soon.

Landmark Booklet: The new Landmark Booklet has been distributed at Aurora libraries and recreation centers.

Tax Credit Resolution: No requests submitted

Jamaica School: Since the Jamaica School received a NRHP nomination, a vestibule has been built onto the entrance of the school that matches the building. The Commission is considering adding the building as an Aurora landmark.

Fox Grant: Drake will resubmit the grant in April 2019.

Maintenance of Landmarks: It cost \$3,700 to repair and repaint the door on the Gully House. Drake is waiting on materials to complete the Fitzsimons Guardhouse repairs.

Fox Roof: A galvanized roof to be placed over the current roof has been proposed as the most cost-effective solution. The cost is approximately \$270,000 to complete the repairs. Drake will have more specific information to present at the regular April HPC meeting.

Atomic Ranch: Drake ordered a subscription to a mid-century magazine for the commission.

Budget: The 2019 HPC budget is \$6,600.

VI. Old Business

Subcommittees: Three subcommittees were formed (Designation, Outreach/Advocacy, and Events). Drake will send out a list with commissioners information and subcommittees assignments.

Talking Points: Commissioners need to look at the preliminary draft of the talking points.

Commissioners should send their comments and suggestions to the Historic Preservation Assistant, Emma Lane by March 26.

Lowry Building 880 Signage: Commissioner Geddes found that the Wings Over the Rockies Museum had memorabilia from the AFA classes of 1959, 1960, & 1961. The memorabilia are now at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Commissioner Geddes is also working with Air Force Academy alumni on the development and installation of an informative sign for the landmark.

Strait Lumber: Letters of support for the Strait Lumber Landmark Nomination are being prepared.

Mobile Home Parks: Commissioner Ackman gave a report on local mobile home parks. He stated that Hillcrest or The Meadows could be possible cultural heritage sites.

Site plan report: Commissioner Tucker gave his report on the Smoky Hill Region landmarks. Melvin School needs painting and a new gutter to help with drainage. Toll Gate Creek Archaeological site and both Smoky Hill Trail signs are in good condition.

Cultural Heritage Sites: Commissioner Evans stated she would like to see the White Spot Restaurant Building and one of the Sinclair stations on Colfax designated as Cultural Heritage sites. Commissioner Geddes asked if there was a way to mark sites that had been demolished, such as Buckingham Square.

Ward Meeting Report: Commissioner Morehouse attended the Ward 3 meeting and talked about the tax credit.

Plains Conservation Center: The Plains Conservation Center is operated by the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department. After the master plan for the site is completed the Commission may consider making the PCC a cultural heritage site.

VIII. New Business

Site Plan: The commission now has 11 members so we will reassign site reports at the April meeting.

Items for the April 9, 2019 meeting will include:

- 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
- Coal Creek Ramp progress report
- Subcommittees report
- Talking Points report
- Site Plan Report: Eastern Aurora - Amy Bailey

VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: March 18, 2019, 2019

Approved by:

 Date: 4/9/2019