

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 9, 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, Chris Geddes, Courtney Morehouse, and Megan Berens

**Excused:** Michael Lockwood

**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 6:30 p.m.

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

**II. Staff Report**

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

**Section 106 reviews:** No reviews affecting historic properties.

**Tax Credit Resolution:** No requests submitted

**Centennial House:** Sign is installed.

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

**Smoky Hill Trail Signage:** The sign has been installed.

**Loafing Shed:** The construction documents are complete and under review.

**Melvin-Lewis Cemetery:** Close to finalization.

**Fox Grant:** Drake resubmitted the grant April 1, 2019. We will know in four months if the grant has been accepted.

**Volunteer Training:** A volunteer training session will be held at the Stanley Marketplace on April 13. If commissioners would like to attend, please notify Jessica Lira at the museum.

**Maintenance of Landmarks:** Drake is waiting on materials to complete the Fitzsimons Guardhouse and Coal Creek School repairs.

**Fox Roof:** A public hearing to review the major alteration to reroof the Fox Theatre Quonset Hut will be held at the May HPC meeting.

**Mural at the Fox Theatre:** The Art in Public Places Commission is in the process of selecting an artist to design a mural around the trash enclosure and a wall off the Quonset hut at the Fox Theatre. This has been deemed a minor alteration.

**Atomic Ranch:** Commissioner Geddes moved that the commission purchase a subscription to *Atomic Ranch*. The cost is \$30 annually. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed by voice vote.

**Budget:** \$16.56 of the 2019 HPC budget was spent on public hearing advertisements. The budget stands at \$6,583.44.

### III. Old Business

**Strait Lumber:** The nomination is completed. Commissioners should review the nomination and give edits to Emma Lane by April 23, 2019. We will hold a public hearing on the Strait Lumber nomination at the May HPC meeting.

**1557 Dallas landmark nomination:** Commissioner Peters stated that the homeowner is still interested, but he has renters at the property and is waiting until repairs are needed to grant access.

**Lowry Building 880 Signage:** Commissioner Geddes has recently received an email from an alumnus of the original Air Force Academy class which outlined ideas for the signage and site.

**Coal Creek School Certificate of Occupancy:** The fire safety section of the COA passed. The final approval of the ramp is still pending. Funding for construction of the ramp is still undetermined.

**Ward Meeting Report:** Commissioner Ackman attended the Ward 1 meeting. He spoke to the group about historic preservation and handed out the landmark booklet.

**Subcommittees:** Subcommittees assignments were listed. Designation: Commissioners Ackman, Bailey, Geddes, & Weinheimer; Outreach/Advocacy: Commissioners Tucker, Evans, and Lockwood; Events: Berens, Morehouse, Hamilton, & Peters. Subcommittees will meet before the next HPC meeting on May 14, 2019 and give a brief report at the next HPC meeting. Thereafter, reports from subcommittees will be scheduled quarterly or when an issue arises.

**Talking Points:** Commissioners need to look at the Talking Points. Commissioners should send their comments and suggestions to Emma Lane, the Historic Preservation Assistant, by April 23, 2019.

**Site Plan report:** Commissioner Bailey reported on Eastern Aurora- KOA building and Cultural Heritage site- Victory Grange. Both buildings are in good shape.

### IV. New Business

**Site Plan:** Commissioners signed up to review landmark sites.

**Oral History:** Commissioner Evans stated that she would like to see a day set up to record oral histories. Drake offered to send information on oral histories to the commissioners.

#### Items for the May 14, 2019 meeting will include:

- Update on Melvin-Lewis Cemetery landmark nomination
- Public hearing for the 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: DeLaney Farm – Lynne Evans
- Presentation on the Fox Theatre reroofing project

### V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: April 12, 2019

Approved by:  Date: MAY 14th, 2019