

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, May 14, 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, Michael Ackman, Michael Lockwood, Julie Weinheimer, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, Courtney Morehouse, and Megan Berens

Excused: Charlie Peters

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 April 9, 2019 were accepted via motion.

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

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:31.

II. Public Hearing on the Utah Park Tennis Center naming request in honor of Woodie Smith

The Public hearing on the naming of the Utah Park Tennis Center in honor of Woodie Smith. began at 6:32 p.m. Rodney B. McKinney & Arnie Schultz presented the proposal to the Commission.

Commissioner Hamilton moved to endorse the naming of the Utah Park Tennis Center in honor of Woodie Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinheimer and passed by voice vote.

Public Hearing on the Strait Lumber Landmark designation

The Public hearing on the landmark designation for Strait Lumber was called to order at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Geddes moved that the landmark designation for Strait Lumber be forwarded to City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lockwood. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Hearing on the Fox Theater Roofing Project

The public hearing on the Fox Theatre Roofing Project was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Steve Knox, from Facilities, explained the project and showed the Commission a model of what the roof would look like when finished. Mr. Knox said the city hopes to complete the project in July or August 2019. Commissioner Weinheimer moved to approve the Fox Theatre Re-Roofing Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

The Regular May 14, 2019 HPC meeting resumed at 6:58 p.m.

III. Staff Report

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

Section 106 reviews: No reviews affecting historic properties.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: Still awaiting an approval letter. Commissioner Evans suggested that Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield write the letter and send it for a signature.

Summer in the City Events: Emma Lane, the Historic Preservation assistant will host a booth at the June 14th event at the Aurora Municipal Center and on July 10th, at Mission Viejo. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Centennial House Sign Dedication: The Centennial House sign dedication will be held on June 22, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial House. City Council members have been invited.

Loafing Shed: The construction documents have been submitted. Contractors will be submitting bids soon.

Maintenance of Landmarks: Drake is still waiting for installation of the doors at the Fitzsimons Guardhouse and Coal Creek School. There was a power outage at Gully house. The building security system is armed, but the outlets and baseboard heating are not working.

Budget: The budget stands at \$6,583.44.

IV. Old Business

Site Plan report: Commissioner Evans reported on the DeLaney Farm Region – Gully House has a broken plank and a work order for repair has been submitted. The Round Barn needs painting and has some holes in the façade.

Maintenance on Historic buildings: Historic Preservation Specialist, Drake Brownfield reported that Coal Creek School, the Hornbein Building, and Fitzsimons Guardhouse would be painted this summer. Repairs to the loafing shed would be addressed by the grant. The Drake light has been installed at Coal Creek School.

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: No progress. Commissioner Ackman had information on a new person to contact- Ed Montgomery.

Coal Creek School Certificate of Occupancy: PROS has designed a new ramp for the building. Discussion ensued about the benefits of this new design.

1557 Dallas: No report.

DeLaney Farm Little Library: The little library donated by Toll Gate Creek Chapter NSDAR and the John DeLaney Society C.A.R. has been installed at DeLaney Farm.

Ward Meeting Report: Commissioner Morehouse attended the Ward 6 meeting.

Subcommittees: The **Outreach/Advocacy Committee** sent out a summary of their meeting. They defined the purpose of this subcommittee is “to find effective ways to advocate for historic preservation in Aurora.” This purpose can be accomplished by educating the public through media, ward meetings, and other public gatherings.

Designation Committee: Commissioner Geddes reported the committees goals. They wish to encourage designations through assisting with navigation through the landmark process and diversifying the landmark portfolio. A field trip to different sites was suggested.

Events Committee: This committee has not met yet.

Talking Points: Drake will resend a copy of the Talking Points.

Oral History: Museum staff: Liz Ricche and Jessica Lira will provide training for oral history during the next two months.

City Bank Building: Drake will contact the owner and check the status of the building.

V. New Business

Plains Conservation Center: No progress. There is an online survey on the city website that Commissioners are encouraged to take. There is an open house at the PCC on June 1st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Landmark signs: Drake presented the cost of bronze and aluminum landmark plaques. Commissioners recommended the aluminum plaque, as an acceptable compromise between cost and appearance.

Action Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Geddes to purchase 10 Aluminum landmark plaques for \$2,100.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weinheimer. The motion passed by voice vote.

Stanley Aviation: Commissioner Ackman brought brochures from the Stanley Aviation tours. Tours are being booked through Eventbrite. Commissioner Ackman also suggested that the HPC hold one of its meetings at the Police & Fire training space.

Items for the June 11, 2019 meeting will include:

- Update on Melvin-Lewis Cemetery landmark nomination
- Update of 1557 Dallas landmark nomination
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Report on Wards meetings
- Coal Creek Ramp progress report
- Subcommittees report
- Update on Oral History
- Update on installation of Centennial House Little Library

VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: May 20, 2019

Approved by:  Date: 6/11/2019