

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.



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

Present: Chair Gordon Tucker, Secretary Lynne Evans, Michael Ackman, Michael Lockwood, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, Charlie Peters, Courtney Morehouse, and Megan Berens

Excused: Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Julie Weinheimer

Staff: Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

Guests: Hope Wright, Barb Stocklin, Garry O'Hara

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 May 14, 2019 were accepted as amended via motion.

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

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:34 p.m.

II. Public Hearing on relocation & restoration of the historic fountain on the North side of the KOA Building

The Public hearing on the relocation & restoration of the historic fountain on the North side of the KOA Building was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Hope Wright, CDOT Project Engineer presented the proposed relocation and restoration plan for the fountain to the Commission. Barb Stocklin, CDOT historian, provided historical details about the KOA Building.

Commissioner Geddes moved to approve moving the fountain 14 feet north of its present position in front of the KOA Building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Hearing on the installation of a Little Library at Centennial House

The Public hearing on the installation of a Little Library at Centennial House was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield presented the proposal to install a Little Library at Centennial House designed to accent Centennial House and donated by the Toll Gate Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Commissioner Berens moved that the Commission approve the installation of the Little Library at Centennial House. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geddes. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Hearing on the Earthen Ramp Construction at Coal Creek Schoolhouse

The public hearing on the Earthen Ramp Construction at Coal Creek Schoolhouse was called to order at 6:52 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield presented the proposal to construct an ADA-compliant accessibility earth ramp on the front (north) side of Coal Creek Schoolhouse. This will increase accessibility to the building and serve as a part of the requirement package for the Certificate of Occupancy, which is mandatory to reinstate educational programming on-site. The city will cover the cost of constructing the ramp. Commissioner Geddes moved to approve the construction of the earthen ramp at Coal Creek Schoolhouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans. The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular June 11, 2019 HPC meeting was made by Commissioner Peters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lockwood. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

The Regular June 11, 2019 HPC meeting resumed at 7:01 p.m.

III. Staff Report

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

Section 106 reviews: Buckley Air Base requested the replacement of magnetic pulse doors on a base building. It was determined that there would be no adverse effect to historic properties. 1201 N. Del Mar Parkway was built in 1951 and might be eligible for a landmark nomination. The Designation Committee will look into it.

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 conditionally approved.

Maintenance of Landmarks: Drake is still waiting for the installation of the doors at the Fitzsimons Guardhouse. A new door has been installed at Coal Creek School. The power problem at Gully house has not been resolved. The building security system is armed, but the outlets and baseboard heating are not working.

Budget: The historic landmark plaques have been purchased. The cost was \$2,084.00. Expenses stand at \$2,130.91 with \$4,469.09 left in the budget.

IV. Old Business

Lowry Building 880 Signage: No progress

Coal Creek School Certificate of Occupancy: Drake has a meeting to get the structural analysis of the building completed. The ramp construction will be moving forward. Drake will get the report on fire and safety. It is possible that he could get the Certificate of Occupancy in the next few months.

1557 Dallas: No report.

Subcommittees: The Outreach/Advocacy Committee refined their mission statement and started developing a rack card. A draft of the rack card will be ready by the August HPC meeting.

Oral History: Museum staff: Liz Ricche and Jessica Lira will provide training for oral history On June 20th from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

V. New Business

Action Item: A motion was made by Commissioner Peters to send an eBlast invitation to the Centennial House Sign Dedication at the cost of \$100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Little Libraries: Mr. Brownfield stated that more Little Libraries are being proposed for other landmarks. The suggestion was made to also include landmark brochures in the Little Libraries. The Toll Gate Creek Chapter NSDAR might continue to build and support these libraries.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: Landmark nomination is complete. Please review the nomination and send remarks to Drake by July 9th. The Commission will vote on the nomination in August.

Carlson House: The Carlson- Holzer House is a kit house. Landmark nomination is complete.

August HPC meeting: The August HPC meeting will be held at the Police and Fire Training Center 25950 E. Quincy Avenue. A map and details will be included when the agenda and minutes are emailed to Commissioners.

Items for the August 13, 2019 meeting will include:

- Action Item: Issu file hosting cost (AHP SO website)
- Vote 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/COA
- Subcommittees reports
- Update on Oral History
- Update on installation of Centennial House Little Library/sign dedication

VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: June 18, 2019

Approved by:  Date: 8/13/2019