

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 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, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, and Megan Berens

**Excused:** Charlie Peters, Courtney Morehouse

**Staff:** Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

**Guest:** 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 August 13, 2019 were accepted as amended via motion.

#### **II. Staff Report**

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

**Section 106 reviews:** No new concerns.

**Fan Fair:** Signage may be created to educate the public about the demolished Fan Fair Building.

**Loafing Shed:** Construction contractor Summit Construction Specialties will begin construction on the loafing shed on September 16. Completion around November 25. Drake also plans to work with the contractor for the corral rehabilitation project.

**Painting projects:** Coal Creek School and the Loafing shed are both scheduled to be painted in October

**Trivia Nights at Peak to Peak:** Trivia nights have been successful.

**War Mother's House:** City code enforcement has served two notices of infractions to the owner. The dead tree has been removed from the front yard, but no other changes have been made. The HPC may contact the owner and discuss ways to help. Another possibility is to find a group willing to volunteer time to help rehab the house if the owners agree. The Events Committee could plan a tea for landmark owners and invite the owner of War Mother's House. Delisting of landmark status is a possibility.

**Woody Smith:** The Woody Smith Tennis Center signage has been installed.

**KOA Project:** The KOA project is underway. The terra cotta around the original fountain has been removed and pieces are being repaired.

**Elizabeth Watson:** Former HPC Commissioner Elizabeth Watson died. She was a champion of historic preservation and will be missed.

**Maintenance of Landmarks:** The broken window at Gully house is being repaired. The Richmond American Home sign has been removed from Delaney property.

**Budget:** unallocated \$4,406.70.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**Lowry Building 880 Signage:** No progress

**Coal Creek School Certificate of Occupancy:** Waiting for a contractor letter. Floor beams need shoring up. Will need funds for the floor beam repairs.

**1557 Dallas:** Waiting on background information on the property.

**Subcommittees:** Events Committee- An event may be planned for October 26. Possible event ideas: dedication of the Loafing Shed when work is completed. Tea for Landmark owners

**Oral History:** Dave Heflin was interviewed at the event "Aurora What's your history?"

**Landmark Nominations:** The Strait Lumber landmark nomination has been approved by City Council. Melvin-Lewis Cemetery & Carlson Holzer nominations are being reviewed by City Council on September 17.

**Site plan report:** Commissioner Lockwood gave a report on original Aurora Group Two. Landmark 27, Stanley Marketplace needs some window repairs and paint touch up on the north side. Landmark 8, Italian Villa has some glass panels on the porch light missing and a metal railing on the side of the house needs repair. Landmark 17, Fuller House needs paint repair on the upper window and chimney, and the lattice on the porch needs repair.

## V. New Business

**Resignation:** Commissioner Julie Weinheimer has resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. Two candidates to replace her were interviewed on September 10: Barbara Henk and Emma Bertrand.

**Action Item:** A motion to recommend Barbara Henk to the City Council as a candidate for Historic Preservation Commissioner and to retain Lynne Evans as a Historic Preservation Commissioner was made by Commissioner Geddes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman and passed by voice vote.

**Guest:** Garry O'Hara invited commissioners to attend events held by the Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society.

**Fony's Diner:** Commissioner Lockwood brought up the article in the Denver Post concerning the recent events in Denver concerning historic preservation and the possible impact on landmark designations for the future in Denver and Aurora.

**Fox Theatre Grant:** The city has to sign an inter-government agreement for the grant.

**Exhibits Committee:** Commissioner Ackman gave an update about the Aurora History Museum's Exhibit Committee meeting that he attended.

**Development Committee:** The rack card created by the Development Committee has been printed and was handed out to Commissioners.

## Items for the October 8, 2019 meeting will include:

- Update of 1557 Dallas landmark nomination
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Report on Wards meetings
- Coal Creek Certificate of Occupancy
- Update on the Loafing Shed
- Subcommittees reports: Events- Action Item
- Update on Oral History
- Update on Melvin-Lewis and Carlson-Holzer Landmark nominations

## VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: September 17, 2019

Approved by:



Date:

10/8/2019