

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 8, 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 Lockwood, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, Charlie Peters, and Courtney Morehouse

**Excused:** Michael Ackman, Megan Berens

**Staff:** Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

**Guests:** Mike & Barbara Henk

## **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.

**President** (DLB edit, Nov 13, 2019) **HPC Chair** Gordy Tucker introduced pending HPC Commissioner Barbara Henk and her husband, Mike.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on September 10, 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. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield discussed 11149 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave building, built in 1948, as a possible cultural heritage site candidate.

**Loafing Shed:** Construction contractor Summit Construction Specialties has moved equipment onto the site and put up construction fencing. The tractor was moved out of the shed. State Historical Fund signage has been posted, and construction should begin soon. Minor revisions to the drainage plan for the loafing shed project were made and approved. The Loafing Shed will be prepped and primed for painting as part of the construction project, and hopefully painted immediately after construction is finished by the same company that painted Coal Creek School.

**Coal Creek School:** The interior and exterior of Coal Creek School has been painted and a new door installed.

**Trivia Nights at Peak to Peak:** The four Trivia nights were well received.

**War Mother's House:** City code enforcement has served two notices of infractions to the owner. A reinspection of the building was made and other than the removal of the dead tree little has changed. The next step could be a court summons. The Commission would like to invite the owners of the War Mother's House to an event at the museum with other landmark property owners on November 3, 2019, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Personal contact is also a next step along with the offer of landmark information, tax benefits, and possible community help.

**Gully House:** The window and alarm system still need to be replaced.

**Budget:** Unallocated \$4,396.62. Some ideas for the remaining budget expenditure are for the Saving Places Conference, Coal Creek floor beam project, and the newspaper digitization project.

### **III. Old Business**

**Lowry Building 880 Signage:** No progress. Commissioner Geddes will try to put together some verbiage for the signage in hopes that it will speed up the process.

**Coal Creek School Certificate of Occupancy:** The contractor letter has been signed. The floor beams need shoring up. Funds are needed for the floor beam repairs. Estimated cost is \$12,400. Action Item: It was suggested that the HPC donate \$2,000 for repairs to the floor beams in the Coal Creek School.

**1557 Dallas:** Commissioner Peters stated that the nomination is progressing. Pictures of the property have been taken.

**Oral History:** Museum volunteer Peggy Burke will be interviewing Sandy and Hugh Sweeney.

**Landmark Nominations:** Melvin-Lewis Cemetery & Carlson Holzer nominations are being reviewed by City Council at a study session on October 21, 2019.

### **IV. New Business**

**Action Item:** A motion to spend \$443.80 for an "Open" placard for the Centennial House sign was made by Commissioner Geddes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and passed by voice vote.

**Subcommittees:** Members of the Designation Committee visited two motels on Colfax where they spoke to an owner or employee and left information about landmark nominations/cultural heritage sites. The committee also suggested that the Masonic Temple at 1615 Florence Street might be a candidate for a landmark nomination/cultural heritage site. Hoffman Heights was suggested as a possible historic district.

**Red Cross Building parcel Development update:** Commissioner Geddes, Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield, and Aurora History Museum Director Scott Williams attended a meeting with Neil Krauss and CU's architect about the plans for the site. One idea is to place one of the Eisenhower-era gazebos from the Fitzsimons golf course on the site along with interpretive signage about the demolished Red Cross Building.

**Citywide Bank:** Mr. Beyer at the Citywide Bank at 10660 East Colfax Avenue was contacted to discuss the possibility of landmarking the building or making it a cultural heritage site. Mr. Beyer said that as the future of the building is undecided, they are not interested in a designation.

### **Items for the November 12, 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 items for the expenditure of the remaining budget
- Site Plan report: Original Aurora Region Group 3- Commissioner Ackman
- Update on Oral History
- Update on Melvin-Lewis and Carlson-Holzer Landmark nominations

### **V. Adjournment:**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: October 10, 2019

Approved by: *[Signature]* Date: 11-13-2019