

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.



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

Present: Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Michael Lockwood, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, Charlie Peters, Courtney Morehouse, Michael Ackman, Megan Berens, and Barbara Henk

Excused: Chair Gordon Tucker, Secretary Lynne Evans,

Staff: Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

Guests:

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on October 8, 2019 were accepted as amended via motion.

Ruth Fountain Memorial is scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Aurora Municipal Center in the City Council Chambers. HPC Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

II. Staff Report

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

Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected.

HPC Commissioners: Lynne Evans & Barbara Henk were appointed to the HPC at the November 4, 2019 City Council meeting.

Loafing Shed: The Loafing shed rehabilitation is progressing. The revised cost is \$186,000.

Coal Creek School: The interior and exterior of Coal Creek School has been painted.

War Mother's House: A court summons was served. The court date is December 12, 2019. There is a mandatory fine. If the owner does not show up for court an arrest warrant will be issued. If the owner demonstrates an effort to make repairs the fine could be suspended. Drake received a call from the owner who stated that a 20% tax credit was not enough. Drake contacted HUD to see about options. There are 25-30 code violations. Volunteer work is a possible option, but this would need to wait until weather permits. There is the possibility of help with yard clean-up, fence work/repair, support porch, and postpone painting until spring. The city attorney stated that the HPC could contact the owner to show support. Commissioner Geddes offered to attend the court hearing. Drake will research what will happen, and the HPC can respond accordingly.

Gully House: A window was broken at Gully House on November 4, 2019. The estimated cost for tempered storm windows is \$6,000. City facilities is interested in doing windows to protect wood sash windows, and possibly an alarm system with camera setup to see who is doing this. The city would monitor and police check the premises.

Budget: \$1,952 remaining after Coal Creek Flooring, landmark and homeowner meeting.

III. Old Business

Lowry Building 880 Signage: Commissioner Geddes has a copy of the national register nomination and has heard from Joe Desantis. She will have more to report at the January HPC meeting.

1557 Dallas: Commissioner Peters is working on the description of the interior and exterior. He will then give the draft to Drake to review/revise.

Ward Meetings: Commissioner Morehouse attended the ward III meeting. The city manager spoke on ballot measures.

Subcommittee Reports: Events Subcommittee-12 people (3 homeowners) attended the event. All enjoyed the presentation by Drake. This could be an annual event. Commissioner Hamilton suggested that the HPC invite 1 homeowner per month to the HPC Meeting. **Designation Subcommittee-**Each committee member is working on a Cultural Heritage or landmark application via contact with owners. Some are city owned which ties into priorities in survey plan recommendations.

Oral History update: Hugh and Sandy Sweeney will be interviewed.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery/Carlson/Holzer House: Both were landmark designated by the City Council. There will be a possible celebration and press release on the Melvin-Lewis Cemetery designation.

Red Cross Building parcel Development update: Drake and Scott met with CU and the design firm has been selected. Possible completion of the project by September 2020. The budget is \$250,000. Red Cross Building was the center of the hospital campus originally. So Fitzsimons should be discussed as a whole. Rough mockups by the November 18th meeting with a final workshop on the 25th.

KOA Project update: Fountain excavated but project not complete.

Site Plan Report: Original Aurora group 3-Commissioner Ackman- William Smith house- no visible flaws, William Smith School- no visible issues Jamaica Elementary School-in great condition , St. Therese Church- in good condition.

IV. New Business

Action Item: Saving Places Conference-A motion to approve up to 6 full time registrations was made by Commissioner Peters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berens and passed by voice vote. Notify Drake by December 13th if commissioners want to go for 1, 2, or 3 days.

Action Item: Coal Creek School-A motion to approve \$2,000 towards the Coal Creek Floor Stabilization project was made by Commissioner Morehouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman and passed by voice vote.

Action Item: Remaining budget expenditure-A motion to spend the remaining \$602 in the budget (\$100 donation in the name of Ruth Fountain to the Aurora Symphony, and \$502 to go to the Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project) was made by Commissioner Lockwood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Geddes and passed by voice vote.

Holiday Party: Meet at Stanley Marketplace on December 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Note: Invite Carlson/Holzer house owner to the January 14, 2020 HPC meeting to talk about the house. Try to schedule others for the remainder of the year.

Items for the January 14, 2020 meeting will include:

- Update of 1557 Dallas landmark nomination
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Update on Coal Creek floor project
- Update on the Loafing Shed
- Update on Oral History
- Update on Melvin-Lewis Cemetery
- Update KOA project

- Update on Red Cross Building project
- Subcommittees reports: Designation
- Action items for the expenditure of the remaining budget
- Site Plan report: - Commissioner Geddes
- Report on Wards meetings
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V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: November 26, 2019

Approved by:  Date: 1/14/2020