

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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, Courtney Morehouse, Michael Ackman, Megan Berens, and Barbara Henk

Excused: Charlie Peters

Staff: Scott Williams, Drake Brownfield

Guests: André Vite, Campus Architect, CU Anschutz; Ben Bohmann, Project Manager, CU Anschutz; Robb Berg, Principal, Design Workshop, Ashley Bromstrup, landmark owner.

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Gordon Tucker called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on November 12, 2019 were accepted as amended via motion.

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II. ~~Rec~~ Cross Building Project Presentation

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Robb Berg, Principal, Design Workshop presented the plan for the project. The completion date is scheduled for September 8, 2020. The budget is \$250,000 with \$160,00 slated for construction. The HPC Commission will have input on the historic narrative for the site.

III. Staff Report

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

Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected.

Loafing Shed: The Loafing shed rehabilitation is progressing. The final punch list was done the first week of January. Some changes are needed to the downspout on the west side of the building. The project should be completed soon.

Education Barn: The next building on DeLaney to need work is the Education Barn. Drake will be working on a historic site grant for this structure.

Coal Creek School: A contractor has been selected to complete the Coal Creek Floor Project. Work should begin in February. This will get the building closer to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy.

War Mother's House: The owner of the War Mother's House appeared in court on December 12, 2019. He was found guilty of code violations and was fined \$200 with another \$400 suspended. The owner was given until April 27, 2020 to bring the property into compliance or the \$400 fine will also be imposed. Commissioner Geddes stated she would be willing to help with some of the labor if the owner wishes.

Gully House: Another window was broken at Gully House. Repairs are scheduled. A second camera was installed at the farm. Drake is also looking into the price to install window protection. He will get a price estimate to present to the Commission.

Budget: \$440 that remained in the budget after the tickets for the Saving Places Conference were purchased was donated to the Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project. \$8.28 remains as unallocated funding. The budget for 2020 will be the same as last year: \$6,600.

III. Old Business

Lowry Building 880 Signage: Commissioner Geddes has a copy of the National Register Nomination and is working on the project

1557 Dallas: The narrative portion of the landmark nomination is completed.

Ward Meetings: No report

Melvin Lewis Cemetery: The Commission suggested that we have a dedication ceremony for this site.

Subcommittee Reports: Designation Subcommittee- The Designation Committee is looking into a Cultural Heritage Site nomination for the Mission Viejo neighborhood. Todd McMann, former Mission Viejo Homeowners Association (HOA) President, is the contact and he is very interested. The Designation Committee will attend the next Mission Viejo HOA meeting in February to answer questions about the Cultural Heritage Site designation.

Oral History update: Hugh and Sandy Sweeney were interviewed in November. Commissioner Evans suggested that Morey Miller was a good candidate to interview.

KOA Project update: The project is progressing. Pipes are being buried now.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Geddes - Lowry Bicentennial Art Center, 13655E. Alameda Avenue, built in 1938, landmarked in 2012. The building is Art Moderne style architecture. Overall the building is in good condition, but there is a lot of peeling paint.

Lowry Building 880, 1016 N. Boston Street, built in 1942 landmarked in 1995. It is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The building housed the Commandant of Cadets from 1955-1958 as part of the interim headquarters for the United States Air Force Academy. This building is also in need of painting.

Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project: The Commissions' donation of \$440 allowed the museum to finish digitization through 1958. \$9,000 is needed to complete this project.

Items for the February 11, 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 the Fox Grant
- Update on Red Cross Building project
- Subcommittees reports: Designation
- Site Plan report: - Fitzsimons - Commissioner Henk
- Report on Wards meetings

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: January 20, 2020

Approved by: 

Date: 2/11/2020