

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 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, Courtney Morehouse, Barbara Henk, Amy Bailey, Chris Geddes, and Megan Berens

**Excused:** Michael Ackman, Charlie Peters

**Staff:** Drake Brownfield

### **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 February 11, 2020 were approved as amended via motion.

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

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:33 p.m.

### **II. Public Hearing on Gully Homestead House Major Alteration**

The Public hearing on the approval of the installation of exterior storm windows on Gully Homestead House's windows to thwart vandalism was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield presented the proposal.

The windows will be custom built to match the existing sightlines in the 8 historic windows and will be painted blue to match the existing windows. The cost of the window will be fully funded by the Facilities Management Department.

Commissioner Geddes moved to approve the installation of 8 custom built storm windows over the 8 existing historic windows on the Gully Homestead House. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular March 10, 2020 HPC meeting was made by Commissioner Morehouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

The Regular March 10, 2020 HPC meeting resumed at 6:45 p.m.

### **III. Staff Report**

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

**Section 106 reviews:** No historic properties affected.

**Trivia Nights:** On February 18, 2020 the Aurora History Museum hosted a trivia night at the Bent Barley. The trivia night scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled because of low ticket sales. The Aurora History Museum will publicize the April 23, 2020 scheduled trivia night.

**Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Level II Assessment:** The Royal Villa Cottage Court building is located on the southwest corner of Peoria Street and Colfax Avenue, 12030 E. Colfax. It was originally a 260-unit building. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield gave the commission some history on the site and presented two quotes for a Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Level II assessment from Paleo West Archaeology for \$6,971 and from Alpine Archaeological Consultants for \$5,344. The commission would like Drake to contact the owner about the possibility of moving one of the buildings.

**Action Item:** The commission would like to move forward with the HABS Level II assessment. Commissioner Geddes moved that the HPC fund up to \$1,250 from our general budget to help pay for the HABS level II assessment if needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Loafing Shed:** The grant funded work on the Loafing Shed has been completed; however, there is still a need for concrete work for accessibility to the building. Drake asked the HPC if it would consider paying \$1,000 of \$2,376 needed to complete the concrete work needed for accessibility.

**Action item:** Commissioner Geddes moved that the HPC pay \$1,000 from the HPC budget to help fund the \$2,376 needed for the concrete work to enable accessibility to the building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henk. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Coal Creek School:** The physical work at Coal Creek has been completed. An Alarm system and new contractor letter is still needed to obtain the Certificate of Occupancy.

**Carson-Holzer House:** A new Historic Landmark plaque has been placed on the house.

**Budget:** The current budget is \$6,160.05.

### **IV. Old Business**

**1557 Dallas:** Commissioner Geddes is working on the architectural description.

**Lowry 880:** Commissioner Geddes has been in contact with some of the alumni and hopes to have more information soon.

**Fox Grant:** Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield attended a Study Session for the City Council Subcommittee which went well. He hopes to have a contract with the State Historical Fund by May.

**Red Cross Building Project:** No update

**Subcommittee Reports: Designation Subcommittee:** The meeting with Mission Viejo Neighborhood Association went well. The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association **approved supported (HPC & DLB amend, May 12, 2020)** the designation of Mission Viejo as a Cultural Heritage site. There will be a ceremony at the Mission Viejo Library sometime in the future.

**Oral History update:** None

**KOA Project update:** As the weather improves work on the project should resume soon.

**Site Plan Report:** Commissioner Morehouse reported that the Melvin School needs painting and a new roof. There is also need for some siding repair. The bell tower needs cleaning, the heat is intermittent and the sign in the front of the building is missing. The Smokey Hill Trail Marker is fine, but the Toll Gate Creek Archaeological sign has a damaged concrete base.

**Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project:** Action Item

## **V. New Business**

**Discover Denver:** Discover Denver has funded a new software program to survey historic buildings. The software is free for certified CLG's to use. Commissioner Geddes is volunteering for Historic Denver, so she will be trained in the use of the new software.

**Rambler Ranch:** The signup for the Rambler Ranch is active. Interested commissioners can sign up for the event.

**Coloring pages:** Commissioner Henk has created coloring sheets of several historic landmarks which will hopefully help generate interest in Aurora Landmarks.

**The April HPC Meeting is cancelled because of the COVID-19 virus**

**Items for the May 12, 2020 meeting will include:**

- Update of 1557 Dallas landmark nomination
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Update on the Coal Creek COA
- Update on the Loafing Shed
- Update on Oral History
- Update KOA project
- Update on the Fox Grant
- Update on Red Cross Building project
- Update on the Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project
- Update on the Royal Villa Motor Court HABS level II Assessment
- Subcommittees reports: Designation
- Site Plan report: DeLaney Farm Region Commissioner Berens
- Report on Wards meetings

**Snacks for May: Mike Ackman**


**May Site Plan Report: DeLaney Farm Region Commissioner Berens**

**V. Adjournment:**

The Commission adjourned its meeting 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: May 12, 2020

Approved by: 

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