

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
6:30 p.m.



Webex Virtual Meeting
Aurora, CO

Present: Chair Gordon Tucker, Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Michael Lockwood, Courtney Morehouse, Barbara Henk, Megan Berens, Michael Ackman, Charlie Peters
Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams, and Thomas Terpening III
Guests: Stelios Stylianou

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 September 8, 2020 were approved via motion.

Chair Gordy Tucker announced the reappointment of Commissioners Peters and Ackman.
Welcomed new Commissioner Terpening.

II. City Survey Software (Heroku) Demonstration

Stelios Stylianou gave the HPC an explanation of the chronos interactive software used as a survey tool.

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

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:48 p.m.

II. Public Hearing on the approval of a major alteration to restore full power to the Gully Homestead at the DeLaney Farm Historic District.

The Public hearing on the approval of a major alteration to restore full power to the Gully Homestead at the DeLaney Farm Historic District was called to order at 6:48 p.m. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield presented the proposal to the HPC.

Commissioner Berens moved to approve the major alteration to restore full power to the Gully Homestead at the DeLaney Farm Historic District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terpening and passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular October 13, 2020 HPC meeting was made by Commissioner Ackman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Regular October 13, 2020 HPC meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

II. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield gave his report to the Commission

Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected.

Landmark Brochures: Landmark brochures, which include the newest landmarks, are being updated.

Chris Geddes: Chris has resigned from the HPC as she no longer lives in Aurora. The HPC is grateful for all Chris did while an HPC Commissioner.

Windler Homestead: The owners of the Windler Homestead located at Green Valley Ranch Boulevard and Piccadilly Road. may be willing to pursue a historic designation. There may be an adaptive reuse of the barn as well.

Geocache: A geocache has been established at the Bicentennial Arts Center.

Gulley Shed: Jacob has researched the history of the Gulley shed. The build date is between 1920 and 1950. A decision about what to do with the shed needs to be made.

Oral History: The Aurora History Museum has requested stories of religious diversity in Aurora.

Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Level II Assessment: No new information

Coal Creek School: Hopefully, the Certificate of Occupancy will be awarded soon. The floor has been inspected and the contractor is working on the final list of repairs.

Newspaper Digitization Project: The cost to finish this project is \$22,000. Commissioner Evans requested that the Aurora Sentinel be asked to run the donation form requesting that Aurora residents pay \$1.00 a page to help finish the project.

Red Cross Project: Updated drawings are expected soon. Signage will remain a part of the project, though some of the landscape items will be eliminated to cover the cost of the signage.

Loafing Shed: The concrete work is complete. The HPC funded this work.

Budget: The current budget is \$2,008. A determination on how to spend the rest of our budget will be an action item for the November meeting.

IV. Old Business

Lowry 880: Commissioner Tucker will contact former Commissioner Geddes to find out where the project stands.

Firehouse #5: A landmark nomination is planned for 2021.

Fox Signage: The project is on track. Public works will monitor the grant. The project should start early 2021.

KOA Building: The KOA building is considering historic signage and adding a QR code to the sign.

Subcommittee Reports: Events Subcommittee: The committee will work with the Aurora news channel to educate the public.

V. New Business

DeLaney Farm HD Outbuilding Paint Project Funding

Drake Brownfield, Historic Preservation Specialist requested that the HPC pay \$1,500 for paint, and scraping, and priming for the outhouse, long barn, shed, and chicken coop.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ackman to approve the request and seconded by Commissioner Berens. The motion passed by voice vote.

Historic Line Drawing: Commissioner Henke created an historic line drawing as a gift for former Commissioner Bailey. A copy of the drawing can be put on the museum website as a coloring page.

HPC Meeting Time Change: A suggestion was made to start the November HPC meeting at 6:00 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m. The HPC agreed to start at the new time next month.

Items for the November 10, 2020 meeting will include:

- Update on Red Cross Project
- Update on Lowry Building 880 interpretive signage
- Update on the Coal Creek COA
- Update on Oral History
- Update KOA Building signage opportunity
- Update on Fire Station #5 Landmarking Nomination
- Update on the Fox Signage SHF Grant
- Update on the Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project
- Update on the Royal Villa Motor Court HABS Assessment
- Subcommittees reports: Events
- Site Plan report: Commissioner Peters
- Report on Wards meetings
- **Action Item:** Budget Spending

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: October 20, 2020

Approved by:  Date: November 10, 2020