

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:00 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, Thomas Terpening III

Excused: Charlie Peters

Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Gordon Tucker called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on October 13, 2020 were approved via motion.

II. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield gave his report to the Commission

Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected.

Friend Furniture Building: Drake talked to the current owners of the Friend Furniture building. The building is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, but the HPC could landmark it or nominate it as a cultural heritage site. Drake will continue to work with the new owners.

Landmark Brochures: Landmark brochures, which include the newest landmarks, are being updated. Drake will send the final copy to the HPC for review.

Windler Homestead: Drake stated that designating the Windler Homestead (located at Green Valley Ranch Boulevard and Piccadilly Road) as an historic site would be a long process, but the interest is there.

QR Codes: QR codes have been implemented at DeLaney Farm and are now active.

Oral History: The museum has collected some interesting interviews recently. If commissioners think of names of people that might be interviewed, tell Scott.

Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Level II Assessment: Drake will talk to the owners again in late November.

Firewood Shed DeLaney Farm: Drake stated that he is still researching the history of the structure. A decision on the future of the structure will be postponed pending more information.

Coal Creek Schoolhouse: The contractor is taking photos to answer questions from the inspection. This is the last step in the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) process. Decisions about the farm equipment are being made. Virtual fieldtrips may be possible in the future.

Outreach: Drake will send information about other commission meeting times if HPC members would like to attend.

Newspaper Digitization Project: Scott Williams called the editor of the *Sentinel* about running an ad for donations from the public to complete the digitization project. He is waiting for an answer.

Red Cross Project: The budget for the project was increased. Signage is included in the new proposal. New drawings will be emailed to Drake.

DeLaney Farm Corral Grant: Drake informed the commission that the Aurora Museum Foundation had approved the funding of the \$1,850 match along with the \$1,000 from the Toll Gate Chapter, NSDAR needed to apply for the DAR Historic Preservation Grant.

Saving Places Conference: Drake announced that the Saving Places Conference will be held virtually, so the cost has been reduced.

Budget: The current budget is \$2,063.25. A deduction of \$16 was made for the cost of the last landmark hearing advertisement.

III. Old Business

Lowry 880: No new update. Gordy remarked that he would contact Chris Geddes, former HPC member, about getting the names of the Air Force Academy alumni with whom she has corresponding about interpretive signage outside the building.

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

Fox Signage: Requests for work proposals will be made in January.

KOA Building: The KOA building is considering historic signage and adding QR codes to the signage. Drake will have an update in January.

Subcommittee Reports: Events Subcommittee: The committee will have an update regarding their work with the Aurora news channel in January.

Ward Meetings: No commissioners attended ward meetings.

Site Plan Report: (Drake for Commissioner Peters): St. Therese Historic District- Good condition overall. Some rust noted on exterior doors on both the school and church. Paint is chipped on the cross. Some water damage on the church doors. It was suggested that the commission invite St. Therese's management to walk the property for the next site review with a commissioner to establish a relationship as a partner in preservation.

IV. New Business

Action Item: Budget expenditure

A motion was made by Commissioner Morehouse to spend \$475 of the \$2,063.25 remaining HPC budget for tickets for HPC Commissioners to attend the Saving Places Conference. The remaining \$1,588.25 will be used for the Newspaper Digitization Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berens. The motion passed by voice vote.

Items from commissioners: Commissioner Berens asked if there had been any updates on the War Mother's landmarked property. Drake said he would look into it.

Commissioner Lockwood announced that the Zephyr Lounge closed on November 1, 2020. Scott stated that the museum had an appointment with the owners to discuss items from the Zephyr to be donated to the Aurora History Museum.

Commissioner Ackman asked for volunteers to help with the Designation Committee.

Commissioner Evans asked that commissioners email her with their requests for the site plan schedule for 2021.

Items for the January 12, 2021 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
- Update on the Windler Homestead
- Update on the Saving Places Conference
- Update on the DAR Historic Grant Application
- Subcommittees reports: Events
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Evans-Fitzsimons
- Report on Wards meetings

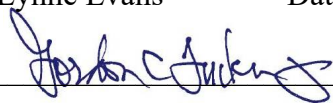
V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: November 21, 2020

Approved by: _____



Date: January 12, 2021