

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
6:00 p.m.



Webex Virtual Meeting
Aurora, CO

Present: Chair Gordon Tucker, Vice Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Michael Lockwood, Courtney Morehouse, Megan Berens, Michael Ackman, Thomas Terpening III, and Charlie Peters

Excused: Barbara Henk

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 6:02 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on November 10, 2020 were approved as amended via motion.

II. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield gave his report to the Commission
Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected. Chair Tucker asked if it might be possible to do a programmatic agreement with the city concerning telecom towers. HPS Brownfield will look into it.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Review: Erica Duvic, CLG Coordinator at History Colorado, will attend the February HPC meeting to evaluate the HPC as a CLG.

Landmark Brochures: The Landmark brochures are still being updated.

Windler Homestead: No changes.

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

Geo Caches: Geo caches have been placed at Centennial House, Hornbein Building, and the Bicentennial Art Center. Geo caches may be placed at other Aurora Landmarks in the future.

Budget: The current budget is \$6,600. Drake will bring copies of the publications the HPC currently subscribes to, so that commissioners can determine whether or not the subscriptions should be continued. This will be discussed at the February HPC meeting.

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: The Red Cross Project is proceeding with signage. Two double-sided pillars will be installed for the signage. HPS Brownfield and Historic Preservation Assistant (HPA) Jacob McDonald researched photos and information for the signage. Drake will send a copy of the photos and information to be included on the signs to the HPC.

Lowry 880: Gordy has not had a response from former commissioner Chris Geddes, so Mike Ackman will contact her about progress on signage for Lowry 880.

Firehouse #5: Still in negotiations with the city.

Fox Signage: The project is progressing.

KOA Building: The CDOT is considering historic signage for the KOA building. QR codes might be best. The cost is being investigated.

Oral History: The museum is continuing with requests for oral histories.

Saving Places Conference: The conference is virtual from February 10-12, 2021. Registered commissioners are required to attend at least 3 sessions and report back to the group about the sessions.

Newspaper Digitization: The museum received a \$3,000 Micro Grant from the State Historical Fund to digitize more pages. Still need around \$20,000 to finish the project.

Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Assessment: Museum Director Scott Williams, HPS Drake Brownfield, and Commissioners Courtney Morehouse, Charlie Peters, and Gordy Tucker showed up on December 13, 2020, to describe, map, and photograph the former Royal Village Cottages and Motel before the buildings are razed.

Coal Creek School: Drake is working with Public Works to get this project completed and obtain a certificate of occupancy.

Subcommittee Reports: Events Subcommittee: The Events Subcommittee will have more information in February. They are looking into the cost of some of their projects. They also are talking about a "Flat Patches" social media campaign.

Ward Meetings: No commissioners attended ward meetings.

Site Plan Report: No project presentation given.

IV. New Business

Officer Nominations: Chair Gordon Tucker is term limited so he will be stepping down in June. The HPC will need to elect new officers at its April meeting. Elizabeth Hamilton has agreed to be the new chair. The HPC seeks nominations for a new Vice Chair and Secretary. Anyone interested should let Drake know.

Zephyr Lounge Sign: The Zephyr sign was donated to the museum and will be moved to the People's Building in February for display.

Items from commissioners:

Commissioner Ackman told the Commission that Aurora Fire Department recruits would be taking a tour of the city landmarks on February 5.

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 Windler Homestead
- Update on the Saving Places Conference
- Update on the DAR Historic Grant Application
- Subcommittees reports: Events
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Tucker-Smoky Hill Region
- Report on Wards meetings

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: January 17, 2021

Approved by:  Date: February 9, 2021