

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
6:00 p.m.



Webex Virtual Meeting
Aurora, CO

Present: Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Vice Michael Ackman, Secretary Lynne Evans, Gordy Tucker, Michael Lockwood, Courtney Morehouse, Megan Berens, Barbara Henk, and Charlie Peters

Excused:

Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams

Guests: Jeffrey Harrison (DAF, Air and Cultural Resource Program Manager, Buckley Air Force Base), Todd McMahon, (HPC appointment candidate)

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on April 13, 2021 were approved as amended.

II. Speaker Presentation – Jeffrey Harrison, DAF, Air and Cultural Resource Program Manager, Buckley Air Force Base gave an overview of the process he uses on BAF base to assure that cultural resources are protected and offered to give HPC members a tour of the base.

III. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield gave his report.

Section 106 reviews: No historic properties affected.

Museum Programs: The HPC was given an overview of the current programs offered by the Aurora History Museum.

DAR Grant: The DAR Grant for \$2,850.00 was to cover the work done on the Loafing Shed corral.

Budget: The current budget is \$6,405.05.

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: Construction should begin June 2021. Drake will find out if an opening ceremony is planned for the site.

Lowry 880: No update.

Coal Creek: Architectural drawings were prepared. A certificate of Occupancy should be issued soon.

Oral History: Judy Keilman and Marc Gonzales will be contacted to schedule oral interviews

KOA Building: Waiting to hear whether Aurora Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) is supportive of interpretive signage for the KOA building. Cost could be covered by PROS and the museum.

Firehouse #5: The HPC is still waiting for city management to decide on possible building use or sale of the building.

Fox Signage: The project is progressing. Work is projected to start in late summer. The HPC will be notified when a project manager from the State Historical Fund (SHF) is assigned.

Newspaper Digitization: \$19,700 is needed to complete the project. The Aurora Historical Society just paid \$478 to digitize on roll of the *Aurora Advocate*.

Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Assessment: The second draft is being prepared. It should be completed soon. Commissioner Henk is working on the drawings which will be completed in about two weeks.

Windler Homestead: HPS Drake Brownfield stated the landmark process may be resumed for one or more of the buildings. The barn is in good condition and an adaptive use could be found and the building landmarked.

Subcommittee Reports: Events Subcommittee: The Flat Patches project is officially online. Commissioner Berens' daughter took Flat Patches to visit the Stanley.

Ward Meetings: No commissioners attended ward meetings.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Henk gave her site plan report on Original Aurora Group 1. Commissioner Henk asked if the Fox could be considered for the National Register of Historic Places. Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield said it was a possibility and that the Hornbein Building was another possibility. Commissioner Henk noted that the buildings were in good shape, but there was trash around Centennial House.

IV. New Business

Action Item: The HPC voted to accept the nomination of Todd McMahon to the HPC and move the nomination forward for City Council approval process. The motion was presented by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Peters, and passed by voice vote.

Items from commissioners: The names of the new officers need to be updated on the city website. The commission may be able to meet in person by fall 2021. Chair Hamilton will join the Events Committee.

Items for the June 8, 2021 meeting will include:

- Update on Red Cross Project
- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- Update on the Coal Creek CO
- Update on Oral History Project
- 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 HABS Assessment for Royal Villa Motor Court
- Update on the Windler Homestead
- Update on the DAR Historic Grant
- Subcommittees reports: Events
- Report on ward Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Morehouse Original Aurora (Group 2)

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: May 26, 2021

Approved by: Elizabeth Hamilton

Date: June 08, 2021