

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.



Webex Virtual Meeting
Aurora, CO

Present: Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Michael Lockwood, Courtney Morehouse, Barbara Henk, and Charlie Peters

Excused: Gordon Tucker

Absent: Mike Ackman

Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams

Guests: 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 6:06 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on May 11, 2021, were approved as amended.

II. Staff Report

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

Section 106 reviews: 3 small towers at Buckley Space Force Base- 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DAR Grant: The DAR Grant for \$2,850.00 rescinded because the conditions were not met.

Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield expressed gratitude for donations made by the Toll Gate Creek Chapter, NSDAR and the Aurora Museum Foundation.

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Highland Canal Headgate: Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield has been working with the Planning Department, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department (PROs) and the Developer of the Planned redevelopment of the Painted Prairie Community to preserve the last headgate of the Highland Canal Trail. The site suffers from erosion and drainage problems. Landmark designation is a possibility.

Budget: The current budget is \$6,405.05. \$195.95 has been spent to date.

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: The project is out to bid. Bids due June 17, 2021. Construction is expected to start in mid-July and finish in September. A ribbon cutting ceremony as a photo op may be planned.

Lowry 880: No update.

Coal Creek: It is hoped that a certificate of occupancy will be granted soon.

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

KOA Building: No update.

Firehouse #5: A meeting is set for June 10 to discuss the building. The nomination has been completed. Public Works Department has been using the building for storage. Landmarking will continue to be suggested.

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Fox Signage: Project is position 11 in the que. Hopefully a project manager will be assigned before the HPC August meeting.

Newspaper Digitization: \$20,072.99 remains to complete the project.

Royal Villa Cottage Court HABS Assessment: The HABS Assessment has been completed. Thank you to Jacob McDonald Historic Preservationist Assistant and Commissioner Henk for their work on the HABS Assessment, and Commissioner Peters and Museum Director Scott Williams for taking the Pictures. Drake will talk to the owners about possible salvage.

Windler Homestead: No update

Ward Meetings: No commissioners attended ward meetings.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Morehouse gave her site plan report on Original Aurora Group 2. Buildings were in good shape. Strait Lumber has some rust on the sign pole and some chips in the bricks. Marshall Cowing House exterior looks good but messy outside.

IV. New Business

Todd McMahon's appointment as a HPC Commissioner by the City Council study session and the appointment will be moved to the regular City Council meeting on June 13.

Items from commissioners: Historic Preservation Specialist (HPS) Drake Brownfield and Commissioner Peters will try to schedule a tour of Buckley in the Fall.

President Hamilton suggested a group pot-luck on July 20th. More information will follow.

Commissioner Morehouse may have suggestions for possible new landmarks at the August HPC meeting.

Items for the August 10, 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 Buckley Tour
- Update on the Windler Homestead
- Update on the DAR Historic Grant
- Subcommittees reports: Events
- Report on ward Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Peters Original Aurora (Group 3)

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: June 9, 2021

Approved by:  Date: 8-10-21