

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.



**Community Gallery
Aurora History Museum
15051 E. Alameda Parkway
Aurora, CO**

Present: Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Courtney Morehouse, Gordon Tucker, Mike Ackman, Barbara Henk, and Todd McMahon

Excused: Charlie Peters, Mike Lockwood

Staff: Drake Brownfield

Guests: Greg Baker & Marshall Brown (Aurora Water | SEAM Facility)

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on August 10, 2021, were approved as amended.

Commissioner Tucker moved to suspend the regular HPC meeting for the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morehouse. The motion passed by voice vote.

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:02 p.m.

II. Public Hearing on two items.

1. Aurora Water SEAM Facility Naming Request

The public hearing on the approval of the Aurora Water Southeast Area Maintenance (SEAM) Facility naming request was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Marshall Brown and Greg Baker presented the rationale for the naming request for the new Aurora Water SEAM Facility. The facility will be built on the north side of Quincy close to the City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center (CAPSTC). The request is to name the facility the Daniel P. Mikesell Water Facility after Dan Mikesell who has been a long-time director.

Commissioner Ackman moved that the HPC approve the naming request. Commissioner Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

2. Aurora Fire Station No. 5 Landmark Nomination

Moving the Landmark Nomination for Aurora Fire Station No. 5 forward to City Council was discussed.

A motion to move the Landmark Nomination forward to City Council was made by Commissioner Tucker and seconded by Commissioner Henk. The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and resume the Regular September 14, 2021, HPC meeting was made by Commissioner McMahon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackman. The motion passed by voice vote

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The Regular August 10, 2021, HPC meeting resumed at 6:48 p.m.

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.

New Gallery: The hands on room has been painted and will now serve as a gallery.

DeLaney Farm: The Education Barn and Round Barn have both been painted. Some maintenance work is needed for the door of the Round Barn. Some repair on interior windows is needed at Gully House.

Centennial House: Window shade replacements are being ordered. Front porch repairs and stair installation are needed.

Cultural Affairs Commission: Drake gave a presentation about HPC at the Cultural Affairs Commission meeting on September 8, 2021. The Aurora Historical Society and the Aurora Museum Foundation were also represented.

HPC Meeting Location: A change of location for the HPC meeting was discussed. Visiting historic sites for our meetings was also discussed.

Workshop at DeLaney: Colorado Preservation, Inc. is presenting a workshop on October 14th Basic Preservation for the Non-Engineer at DeLaney Farm from 1-5 p.m.

Archaeology Workshop: Commissioner McMahon informed the HPC that History Colorado is presenting the 2021 International Archaeology Day ~~Workshop~~ **Expo** on October 16th at Roxborough Intermediate School from 9-3.

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

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: Construction has started. Signage will be included. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony upon completion of the project.

Lowry 880: Commissioner Ackman and Rick Crandall will discuss the project over lunch.

Coal Creek: A Certificate of Occupancy has been awarded for Coal Creek School. Fall and holiday education programs are being planned.

Oral History: No update

KOA Building: No update. Highline Canal signage is being discussed.

Fox Signage: A project manager should be assigned before our October HPC meeting.

Buckley Tour: 4 commissioners attended the Buckley Tour.

Windler Homestead: No update

Subcommittee: The commission will discuss the subcommittees and determine whether we need to add or change current subcommittees at the October HPC meeting. Subcommittee discussion will also talk about positive ways to encourage homeowners of historic sites to maintain their properties and ways the HPC can help.

Ward Meetings: No update.

Alternative Meeting Location: Drake will put a list together of possible meeting locations to discuss at the October HPC meeting.

Resignation: Commissioner Lockwood is moving to Woodland Park and will be resigning from the HPC.

Site Plan Report: Historic Preservation Drake Brownfield reported on Original Aurora Group #4 William Smith House and School. Both are in excellent condition.

Items for the October 12, 2021, meeting will include:

- Update on Red Cross Project
- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- 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 Windler Homestead
- City Wide Bank building update
- Subcommittee discussion
- Report on ward Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner McMahon Original Aurora (Group 5)

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 7:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: September 20, 2021

Approved by:



Date:

10/12/2021