

## AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

6:00 p.m.



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

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

**Excused:** Charlie Peters

**Staff:** Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams, Katie Leeper

**Guests:** Lynda Heckendorn

### 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 November 9, 2021, were approved via motion.

### II. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield gave his report

**Section 106 reviews:** No historic properties affected.

**Stanley Market Place:** Construction has begun on Stanley Apartments

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

**Centennial House:** The bathroom renovation project proposed work list includes wallpaper removal, new paint, removal of floor and wall cabinets, new flooring, (Drake needs to find out if asbestos abatement will be needed), installation of a center sink and cleaning supply cabinet, and repairs to the bathroom door. Facilities may cover the cost of the remodel. New shades were installed throughout the house. Drake is working with the Aurora Historical Society to install new curtains.

**DeLaney Farm:** Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) repaired the fence and corral at DeLaney Farm.

**Fire Station #5:** The landmark nomination for Fire Station #5 did not pass city council. There was a lack of perceived historic significance and a lack of public programming. The HPC needs to do more advocacy outreach with city council. Possibly propose holding ward meetings at Aurora landmark locations.

**Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project:** Coloring book would be geared to adults and would contain information and pictures. Commissioner Henk is creating some of the pictures. Historic Preservation Assistant Katie Leeper will do more research on design and costs.

**Budget:** The current budget is \$6600.

**Commissioner Recommendation:** Commissioner Tucker moved that Lynda Heckendorn's application to join the Historic Preservation Commission be moved forward to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed by voice vote.

### III. Old Business

**Red Cross Project:** Construction continues. All proposed signage will be included in the project.

**Lowry 880:** No update

**KOA Building:** The project used federal funding so signage can't be added until the project is completed. PROS initiated a discussion on possible signage along the Highline Canal.

**Fox Signage:** Fox project is off the wait list and construction could start in May. The work must be completed by 2023.

**Windler Homestead:** Windler master plan contains potential plans for historic preservation and adaptive reuse.

**City Wide Bank Building:** No update.

**Ward Meetings:** No update

**Site Plan Report:** Commissioner Ackman-Lowry Building 880 is in good condition. The siding could use some paint. The landmark plaque and the plaque for the National Register were both evident. Landscaping was in good shape. Bicentennial Art Center building was also in good shape.

**HPC Committees:** The three HPC Committees- Advocacy, Events, and Designation will continue. Commissioners will need to decide which committee they would like to join if not already on one.

#### IV. New Business

**Coloring/Activity book:** Commissioner Henk is working on a coloring/activity book for the HPC/museum.

**Saving Places Conference:** February 7-9, 2022

**Thank You:** Commissioner Ackman thanked the Museum staff for the personalized Christmas cards.

**Marshall Fire:** Some National Register buildings as well as the Superior Museum were lost in the fire. The HPC and the Aurora History Museum should talk about forming a disaster plan for historic structures in Aurora.

**Mission Viejo:** There will be a planning meeting for the Mission Viejo Anniversary Celebration on February 15, 2022.

#### Items for the February 8, 2022, meeting will include:

- Update on Red Cross Project
- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- Update on the Activity/Coloring Book
- Update on the Fox Signage SHF Grant
- Update on the Windler Homestead
- Update on the City Wide Bank building
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Discussion of Subcommittees
- Discussion of a Disaster Plan
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Evans - Fitzsimons
- Food: Commissioner McMahon

#### V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by: Dynne Evans Date: January 18, 2022

Approved by:  Date: 2-8-2022