

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, March 8, 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, Courtney Morehouse, Barbara Henk, Charlie Peters, Lynda Heckendorn, and Todd McMahon

Absent: Gordon Tucker

Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams

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 February 8, 2022, were approved via motion.

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

II. Public Hearing on St. Therese Historic District Signage Addition, Major Alteration

The public hearing addressed the approval of the proposed signage addition for St. Therese Historic District located at 1200 N. Kenton Street. The proposed signage location is near the front (main) entrance of St. Therese Catholic School. The preferred location would involve the removal of an existing bush, but the applicant will consider locating the sign on the opposite side of the walkway as a backup plan.

The commission was given a new design to consider. It is metal with a changeable marquee for the sign. The HPC had more questions about the sign. Commissioners requested to see a mock-up of the sign. Historic Preservation Specialist Drake Brownfield was prepared to request the mock-up to be distributed to the Commissioners, but Drake received the mock-up via email and was able to show it to HPC in real time. Commissioner Ackman moved to approve the revised design. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion and it passed by hand vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The Regular March 8, 2022, HPC meeting resumed at 6:23 p.m.

III. Staff Report

Historic Preservation Specialist 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.

Geo Cache: A geo cache will be placed at the Fox Art Center.

Highline Canal: Some new signage will be placed along the highline canal. Two signs will discuss the growth of Aurora. The signs will measure 2 feet by 3 feet. There will eventually be over 30 signs along the High Line Canal.

Fox Theatre: Seating discussion is ongoing.

Budget: The current budget is \$6438 because of advertising costs for the above public hearing.

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: No progress.

Oral History: The Judy Keilman interview is almost ready for review. Two old phone booths will be used to play oral histories. One will be located at the museum, and one will be located at the Mission Viejo Library.

Fox Signage: No update on progress of the sign.

Windler Homestead: No update

Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project: The project is progressing and be completed by summer.

Ward Meetings: No update.

Disaster Plan: Open Spaces and the Fire Department are working on a plan.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner McMahon: **Smoky Hill Region-Toll Gate Creek** area is in good condition. Commissioner McMahon suggested the HPC place signage at the **Melvin-Lewis Cemetery** since nothing is there to explain the history of the cemetery. **Melvin School** is in poor shape and in need of repairs. Commissioner McMahon suggested that the HPC offer to help write a grant to have an assessment of the building done. Drake will contact the Cherry Creek School District about the Commission's concerns. **Smoky Hill Trail Signage** was difficult to find.

IV. New Business

Mission Viejo: Commissioner McMahon gave a presentation on the history of Mission Viejo and its 50th Anniversary supporting consideration of Mission Viejo as a historic district.

Items for the April 12, 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 Melvin School and Melvin-Lewis Cemetery Status
- Update on Mission Viejo as a historic district
- Report on Wards Meetings
- **Site Plan Report: Commissioner Morehouse - Delaney Farm Historic District -**
Delaney Farm Historic District, 170 S. Chambers Rd. | #3 Gully Homestead House, 170 S. Chambers Rd. |
#9 DeLaney Round Barn, 170 S. Chambers Rd. | #18 Coal Creek Schoolhouse, 15500 E. 1st Ave.
- Food: Commissioner Henk

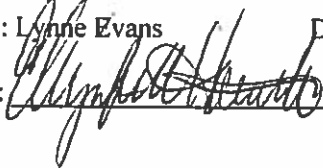
V. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned its meeting 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: March 21, 2022

Approved by:



Date: APRIL 12, 2022