

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, April 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, Gordon Tucker, Courtney Morehouse, Barbara Henk, Charlie Peters, Lynda Heckendorn, and Todd McMahon
Staff: Drake Brownfield, Scott Williams
Guest: Garry O'Hara

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 March 8, 2022, were approved via motion.

II. 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.

Keith Occult is leaving the museum to take a full-time position elsewhere.

Geo Cache: A geo cache has been 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' x 3'. There will eventually be over 30 signs along the Highline Canal.

Fox Theatre: No update

Aurora Creates: May/June edition includes a picture of the HPC.

Budget: The current budget is \$6438.

III. Old Business

Red Cross Project: No progress.

Oral History: Interviewed Alice Lee Main. Aurora Museum Foundation (AMF) is paying to restore the two phone booths which will be used to play the oral interviews.

Fox Signage: No update on progress of the sign.

Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project: The project is progressing. The AMF is funding the cost of a graphic designer for the book.

Melvin School: Cherry Creek Schools cut back the bushes around Melvin School and cleaned some of the graffiti. The 100th anniversary is coming up and the building is on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). A celebration is planned for September. The HPC could also offer to help write a grant to pay for a structural assessment.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: Drake asked about placing interpretive signage at the site. There are new owners. He is still waiting to hear back.

Mission Viejo: Still trying to figure out the number of homes needed for a historic district. The suggestion was made to review the Hoffman Heights documentation for insights.

Ward Meetings: No update.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Morehouse reported on DeLaney Farm Historic District. **Gully**

House- The roof and the steps off the front porch need repair. There is wear on the siding. The windows look great. **Round Barn:** a few more holes, some flashing needs repair. The paint looks good. **Coal Creek:** Some siding issues, farm equipment not safe, there are prairie dog holes that could cause problems. **Outhouse** is missing boards.

IV. New Business

Leadership Aurora 9-month program. Commissioner Ackman will be teaching some of the history or the City of Aurora.

Historic Images: Project to wrap historic images on utility boxes and trash receptacles. Aurora should investigate it.

Items for the May 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 Melvin School and Cemetery Status
- Update on Mission Viejo as a historic district
- Oral history update
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Peters | Eastern Aurora | #16 KOA Building | 18500 E. Colfax Ave. Cultural Heritage Site: Victory Grange | 2025 Tower Rd. | Cultural Heritage Site: Mission Viejo Neighborhood | Hampden Ave & Chambers Rd.
- Food: Commissioner Hamilton

V. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 7:47 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: April 27, 2022

Approved by:  Date: 5-10-22