

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 14, 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, Charlie Peters, Lynda Heckendorn, and Todd McMahon

Excused: Barbara Henk

Staff: Scott Williams

Guest: John Bottelberghe, Blair Lee

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on May 10, 2022 were approved via motion.

The regular HPC meeting was suspended at 6:03 p.m.

II. Public Hearing – Major Alteration: Community College of Aurora Signage at DeLaney Farm Historic District

The public hearing addressed the approval of the proposed signage addition for the Community College of Aurora to be placed at 170 S. Chambers Road on DeLaney Farm Historic District. The Community College proposes to install a new LED sign with appropriate landscaping surrounding the sign and the removal of the current sign. A small tree in the area may require removal. John Bottelberghe, Associate Vice President of Administrative Services for the Community College of Aurora, and his colleague Blair Lee presented the COA to the HPC.

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the signage. Commissioner Morehouse seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The Regular June 14, 2022, HPC meeting resumed at 6:22 p.m.

III. Staff Report

Museum Director Scott Williams gave the staff 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.

August HPC Meeting: The August 9, 2022, meeting will take place at the Central Recreation Center at 18150 E. Vassar Place.

Geo Cache: Tallyn's Reach Library had an article in their newsletter about the geo caches at historic sites in Aurora.

Centennial House: No progress on the bathroom renovation at Centennial House.

DeLaney Farm: Reinforced steel doors were installed by Facilities on the Round Barn after the barn was vandalized. New alarm procedures are now in place as well.

Educational Outreach to City Council: The September HPC meeting will take place at an historic site

and will be coordinated with Library and Cultural Services.

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation is developing a new master plan.

HPC Commission Applicant: Emma Bertrand applied for a position on the HPC.

Action Item: A motion to accept her application and move it forward to City Council was made by Commissioner Mike Ackman and seconded by Commissioner Charlie Peters. It passed by voice vote.

Windler Project: No update.

Highline Canal: Narrative for signage is completed. Construction on the Highline Canal will begin in the fall. The two signs will measure 2 x 3 feet and will be located on the Highline Canal. The construction is projected to take 8 months. Estimated completion date is during the summer of 2023. The SHF grant will be reviewed in mid-June.

Fox Theatre: Seating is still being reviewed. Work on the sign grant still not started. An extension on the grant will be requested.

Budget: The current budget is \$6368.64.

IV. Old Business

Red Cross Project: The project is complete, and a dedication is planned for Friday, July 8th.

Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage: No update

Phone Booths for Oral History: The museum has received a second phone for the second booth. Emma Bertrand is working on hooking up the phone to play oral histories. Two more oral histories have been recorded on Aurora residents.

Senac Dam: The Senac Dam site (5AH.380) site is located on the Aurora Reservoir property.

Action Item: Commissioner Evans moved that the Landmark Nomination for Senac Dam be moved forward to City Council. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project: The Aurora Museum Foundation has agreed to fund the printing of 250 copies of the Historic Coloring book through Minuteman Press. The cost would be \$1,820.44. They would like to have the picture of the Fox Theatre revised.

Action Item: Commissioner Evans moved that the HPC pay for half the cost of the printing. Commissioner Morehouse seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Melvin School: No update. The landscaping and graffiti clean-up is a positive change, but no real repairs are planned by the district until 2023.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: No update. Still waiting to hear from the new owners.

Mission Viejo: Commissioner McMahon attended the Ward III meeting at Mission Viejo and talked about landmarking Mission Viejo as a historic district. People were receptive.

Ward Meetings: Commissioner Ackman attended the CAPSTIC meeting and Commissioner McMahon attended the Ward III meeting.

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Peters- Original Aurora Group 1: **Centennial House-** Porch and handrail need paint. Other spots on the house also need paint. A screen is coming out of one of the windows. **Fox Theatre:** New roof and murals are nice. Sign repairs needed. **McMillan House:** Garage needs work, house needs paint. **Miliken House:** Upper porch needs work, needs paint. **Robidoux House:** Yard needs cleaning up.

V. New Business

HPC Social: A social event for the HPC is being planned for July 12th at Commissioner Hamilton's house. It will be at 6:00 p.m. and is a potluck so bring a dish to share.

Elizabeth Johnson Award: The Elizabeth Johnson Award was given by the HPC in the past. Commissioner Evans will send out the criteria for the award. She would like the HPC to think about giving the award again.

Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society: Commissioner McMahon attended the CCVHS meeting and said it was well attended.

Items for the August 9, 2022, meeting will include:

- 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
- Discussion of the Elizabeth Johnson Award
- Update on Mission Viejo as a historic district
- Update on Senac Dam Site landmark nomination
- Oral history update
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report Charlie Peters: Original Aurora group 2
- Food: Staff

VI. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: June 17, 2022

Approved by:  Date: 8-9-22

