

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 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, Emma Bertrand

Staff: 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 6:01 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on June 14, 2022, were approved via motion.

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

II. Public Hearing – Major Alteration: Centennial House Garden Signage for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Memory Garden

The public hearing addressed the approval of the proposed signage addition for the DAR Memorial Garden at Centennial House. The Toll Gate Creek Chapter, NSDAR wants to place 12 inches by 18 inches signage to mark the Patriot Memorial Garden that was planted in the backyard at Centennial House. The HPC suggested the sign be placed in the northwest corner of the memorial garden.

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

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The Regular August 9, 2022, HPC meeting resumed at 6:11 p.m. via motion.

III. Staff Report

Museum Director Scott Williams gave the staff report.

Section 106 reviews: Compliance Fletcher Gardens Development. No historic properties affected.

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

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

Educational Outreach to City Council: Historic Sites will coordinate with the Library and Cultural services director to formulate a plan.

New HPC Commissioner: Emma Bertrand was approved as an HPC member on June 27, 2022.

Windler Project: No update.

Highline Canal: No update

Fox Theatre: Seating is still being reviewed.

Budget: The current budget is \$5368.54 after the printing of coloring books.

IV. Old Business

Red Cross Project: The dedication is August 29, 2022, at noon.

Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage: No update

Elizabeth Johnson Award: Sandy Sweeney, Garry O'Hara, and the Toll Gate Creek Chapter, NSDAR were mentioned as possible recipients of the award. Commissioners are to review the criteria and be ready to discuss at the September meeting.

Fox Signage: Update promised on August 19, 2022, possible extension of the State Historical Fund (SHF) Grant.

Phone Booths for Oral History: One phone booth is done, and Commissioner Bertrand is working on making the phone work. The second phone booth is still being repaired.

Senac Dam: The Senac Dam Landmark Nomination will be discussed at the City Council Subcommittee meeting on August 24 or September 28.

Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project: A proof has been made and there are some edits. The price to print 250 copies is \$1,544.99. The HPC agreed to pay half, so our cost is \$772.50.

Melvin School: No repairs planned by the Cherry Creek School District until 2023. The 100th Anniversary is September 17, 2022. A structural assessment is recommended for the building.

Melvin-Lewis Cemetery: No update. Still waiting to hear from the new owners: Speery Commercial Properties Company. Contact Roberta Olson. Weeds have not been cut.

Mission Viejo: Research is continuing.

Ward Meetings: Commissioner Ackman attended the Ward 6 meeting. 40 people attended

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Peters - Original Aurora Group 2: Carlson-Holzer House: overall good condition. Some porch decking needs paint and repair, and bricks are loose in the foundation of the house. Marshal Cowing House: House is for sale, skylights have been added, needs paint and fence repair. Gilligan House: It was an electric showcase house and is now a residential healthcare facility. The door needs refinishing, mold discoloration is present in spots, areas of stucco need repair, rust is present underneath the stairs. Hornbein Building: discoloration from the waterspout, rot in some areas. Strait Lumber: building in good shape, some paint needs repair, some repair needed around foundation of the building.

V. New Business

Commissioner Ackman thanked the museum staff for being open on July 4.

Commissioner Ackman says he is also planning a road trip for the Designation Subcommittee.


Items for the September 13, 2022, meeting will include

- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- Update on the Precontact 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 (SAH.380) Landmark Nomination
- Oral History Update
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report Barbara Henk: Original Aurora Group #3
- Food: Commissioner Heckendorn

II. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: August 29, 2022

Approved by:  Date: 9-13-22

