

AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.



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

Present: Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Secretary Lynne Evans, Gordon Tucker, Charlie Peters, Lynda Heckendorn, Todd McMahon, and Emma Bertrand

Excused: Barbara Henk, Vice Chair Mike Ackman

Staff: Scott Williams, Katie Leper

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on August 9, 2022, were approved via motion.

City Council Member Steve Sundberg attended the HPC meeting

II. Staff Report

Museum Director Scott Williams gave the staff report.

Section 106 reviews: 15961 E. Colfax: No historic properties affected. Commissioner Tucker stated that some buildings on the other side of the street would be affected.

Museum Programs: The HPC was given an overview of the current programs offered by the Aurora History Museum. On September 21, the Highlands Ranch Historical Society will tour Delaney Farm and a 2nd grade group on September 23.

Centennial House: No progress on the bathroom renovation at Centennial House. Porch still needs to be painted.

DeLaney Farm Historic Site: Bird holes on the Round Barn have been covered. The steps on Gulley House were replaced.

City Council Member Steve Sundberg: City Council member Sundberg attended the HPC meeting and was briefed on the HPC's activities.

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

New Historic Preservation Specialist: Interviews progressing. A New HPS should be chosen on ~~D~~?

Red Cross Plaza Dedication: The dedication was on August 29, 2022, at noon. Oral histories about the Red Cross Building will be loaded in the posts for people to listen too. The question was asked: Is the Red Cross Building still a landmark even though it has been torn down? It is now a plaza.

Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation: A new brochure has been created to highlight the benefits of Historic Preservation in Aurora.

Windler Project: No update

Highline Canal: Construction starts this fall.

Budget: The current budget is \$5368.64. Expenditure of budget funds needs to be discussed in October.

III. Old Business

Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage: No update

Elizabeth Johnson Award: Commissioner Evans will send out copies of the criteria for the award to commissioners. Commissioners should come to the October meeting with ideas for

possible recipients for the award.

Fox Signage: A project manager has been appointed and work should start this month

Phone Booths for Oral History: Both phone booths are done, and Commissioner Bertrand is working on making the phone work. It is hoped a demonstration will be possible at the October HPC meeting.

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

Historic Coloring/Activity Book Project: The coloring book will sell for \$12 in the Sanders Store.

Pre-Contact Book Project: Still in draft phase. Reach out to indigenous people for ideas on what to include. Present some pages at the next HPC meeting.

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.

2022 Goals: Fox Signage: starting this month; Historic Coloring Book: completed and selling in the store; Signage on the Highline Canal: should be starting in the spring.

Present Needs: Enhance the HPC's presence in the community; Sharing Historic Preservation social media posts; Collaborate with city officials; Encourage City Council members to attend HPC meetings and have HPC commissioners attend ward meetings.

Mission Viejo: Research is continuing.

Ward Meetings: No update

Site Plan Report: Commissioner Henk was absent, so her report was moved to the October meeting.

IV. New Business

Commissioner McMahon asked if the Red Cross Building is still a landmark even though it has been demolished?

City Councilman Sundberg told the HPC that he holds a ward meeting the 3rd Thursday every other month.

Coal Creek Rededication is October 15, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

Items for October 8, 2022, meeting will include

- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- Update on the Precontact 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 landmarking Building 500 and Fitzsimons Chapel
- Update on Senac Dam Site (5AH.380) Landmark Nomination
- Oral History Update
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report Barbara Henk: Original Aurora Group #3
- Food: Commissioner Peters

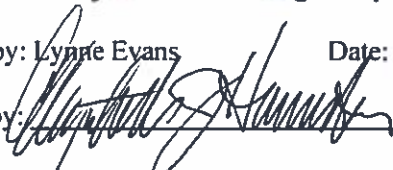
II. Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned its meeting 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: September 19, 2022

Approved by:



Date:

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