

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**



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

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**Present:** Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Vice Chair Mike Ackman, Secretary Lynne Evans, Gordon Tucker, Charlie Peters, Lynda Heckendorn, Todd McMahon, Barbara Henk, and Emma Bertrand  
**Staff:** 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 5:59 p.m.  
The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on September 13, 2022, were approved as amended via motion.

**II. Staff Report**

Museum Director Scott Williams gave the staff report.

**Section 106 reviews:** 1445 N. Emporia Street project- 8 properties involved 2 are eligible for local landmark status. Two are eligible to be locally or nationally landmarked. All are older than 50 years.

**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 toured Delaney Farm and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade group toured the farm on September 23. The Festival of the Wreaths kick-off event is on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

**Historic Preservation Specialist Position:** The final candidate declined the offer; the position has been reposted.

**Fox Theatre SHF Grant:** A kick-off meeting was held on October 7, 2022. Howard Kaplan has been assigned as the project manager. The seating and exterior life safety measures will be bundled with the sign project.

**Senac Dam:** The Senac Dam Landmark Nomination was approved and moved on to the PR City Council committee meeting on September 28. The Committee approved the nomination, and the nomination will now go on to City Council Study Session on November 7<sup>th</sup> to be discussed.

**Centennial House:** No progress on the bathroom renovation at Centennial House. The project is still on hold.

**Coal Creek rededication:** Please attend the Coal Creek Rededication on October 15, 2022, at 11am. A motion was made by Commissioner Ackman that the Commission would pay \$200 for the food at the Coal Creek Rededication Ceremony. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henk and passed by voice vote.

**Educational Outreach:** The HPC should invite another City Council Member to attend our next meeting.

**Coloring Books:** The HPC should give a coloring book to the homeowners whose historic property is showcased in the coloring book.

**Windler Project:** No update

**Highline Canal:** Construction starts this fall.

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

**Budget:** \$5,168.64 remains in the budget after the motion to spend \$200 for the food for the Coal

- Creek Rededication. The remaining budget will be discussed at the November HPC Meeting.
- III. Old Business**
- Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage:** Rick Crandall is trying to get \$5,000 from the Air Force Academy to pay for two signs for Lowry Building 880.
- Pre-Contact Book Project:** The feedback HPC members sent was helpful. Toll Gate Creek Site could also be added.
- 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 November HPC meeting.
- Elizabeth Johnson Award:** Dave Heflin will be the next candidate for the award. Commissioner Hamilton will get letters of Recommendation. Commissioner Evans will fill out the application form. The Museum will supply needed information.
- Fitzsimons Building 500 & Chapel Landmark Nominations:** No update
- Melvin School and Melvin Lewis Cemetery:** No update
- Colfax Trip-Designation Committee:** Commissioner McMahon gave the report of the Designation Subcommittee. Several buildings that could be potential landmarks were noted: Friend's building, 17<sup>th</sup> & Dayton Public Service Building, motels on Colfax, gas stations (Sinclair at Chambers & Colfax), and Colonel's Row at Fitzsimons.
- Colorado Freedom Memorial:** The HPC might consider the Colorado Freedom Memorial as a Cultural Heritage Site.
- Fitzsimons Golf Course: Lightening structures:** could at least one of these be saved and relocated?
- Mission Viejo:** Research is continuing.
- Dam East & West:** Could these be possible Historic Districts?
- Ward Meetings:** No update
- Site Plan Report:** Commissioner Henk Original Aurora #3- Italian Villa is in good condition, Stanley Marketplace- good condition, 1557 Dallas and Fuller House – all were in good condition
- IV. New Business**
- Coal Creek Rededication is October 15, 2022, at 11:00 AM.

Items for November 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
- Update on 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
- Update on Oral History and Phone Booth progress
- Budget: decision on expenditure of remaining funds
- Discussion on Dam East & West as possible Cultural Site Designation
- Discussion on Lightening shelters on Fitzsimons Golf Course Relocation
- Discussion on Colorado Freedom Memorial as possible Cultural Heritage Site
- Discussion of Possible Landmark Nominations Proposed from Colfax Trip
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Site Plan Report Commissioner Hamilton: Original Aurora Group #4
- Food: Commissioner Hamilton

**V. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: October 21, 2022

Approved by:  Date: 11-8-22