

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**



**Library**

**Aurora History  
Museum**

**15051 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO**

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

**Absent:** Barbara Henk

**Staff:** Scott Williams, Katie Leeper

**Guests:** Laura McDonald, Prospective HPC Commissioner

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Chair Elizabeth Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC or Commission) meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on November 8, 2022, were approved as distributed.

**II. Staff Report**

Museum Director Scott Williams gave the staff report.

**Section 106 reviews:**

No historic properties affected.

**Compliance:**

No items to report

**Museum Programs:** The HPC was given an overview of the current programs offered by the Aurora History Museum. The Morning at the Museum program Wednesdays at 10:30 am is quite popular. Home school student day at the Museum is also popular.

**Historic Preservation Specialist Position:** The third round of interviews will be scheduled soon.

**Water Leak:** The museum has been closed for two weeks due to a water leak from a water fountain. No permanent damage was done, but some collection objects were damaged.

**Closing Event:** A closing event for the Mosaic of Cultures exhibit is scheduled for April 15

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing to discuss the naming of a nature park at the Morrison Nature Center will be scheduled for the February Historic Preservation Meeting.

**III. Old Business**

**Fox Theatre SHF Grant:** Howard Kaplan, who was assigned as the project manager for this job, has retired. A new project manager will be selected. The city has solicited design proposals.

**Senac Site (5AH.380):** Aurora Water is reviewing the Senac Site Landmark Nomination.

**Centennial House:** The Historic Sites office will be seeking an State Historical Fund grant for the remodel.

**Saving Places Conference:** The HPC has budgeted for 5 tickets to the conference.

**Educational Outreach:** The HPC needs to invite City Council Members to our HPC Meetings, so they understand what we do.

**Windler Project:** No update

**Highline Canal:** HPC members were emailed copies of the proposed Signage.

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

**Budget:** \$6,600.00 is in the budget.

**Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage:** No update.

**Pre-Contact Book Project:** Book has been sent for review.

**Phone Booths for Oral History:** Commissioner Bertrand will be working on the phone booths on January 19. She hopes to get them operational then. Scott will send out a list of the oral history files that will be available in the phone booths.

**Elizabeth Johnson Award:** Commissioner Hamilton will get letters of Recommendation.

**Fitzsimons Building 500 & Chapel Landmark Nominations:** No update. Scott will reach out to Neil Krause and send a formal letter to him.

**Melvin School and Melvin Lewis Cemetery:** Scott is still trying to contact the management company for the cemetery. A structural planning grant is being planned for Melvin School. Scott will follow up with Cherry Creek Schools to see if the 2023 goals for Melvin School will happen.

**Fitzsimons Golf Course Lightning structures:** Three are left, one might be moved to Meadow Hills Gold Course. Commissioner Hamilton will investigate that. Scott will contact Lyle Artz and try to get an estimate from Dan Vinson on the cost to move one. Colorado Freedom Memorial could also be a possible site.

**Mission Viejo:** HOA Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2023, at 6:30PM at the school. Commissioner McMahon would appreciate some support from other commissioners to answer questions and hand out brochures and booklets. Abigail Christman from the Community Planning and Development office of the City of Denver will help the HPC with historic district planning.

**Dam East & West:** Katie Leper, Historic Preservation Assistant and Scott Williams, Aurora History Museum Director will write up a Cultural Heritage application for Dam East and West.

**Colorado Freedom Memorial:** Commissioner Ackman has finished the Cultural Heritage Site Nomination for Colorado Freedom Memorial. The HPC will vote on it at the February meeting.

**Ward Meetings:** No update

**Site Plan Report:** Commissioner Heckendorn – St. Theresa’s Historic District: The signs need painting as do many of the doors and windows in various buildings.

#### IV. New Business

**Colfax Landmark Proposal:** The HPC needs to set up a meeting with Denver and Lakewood to talk about Colfax.

**Jamaica School:** Scott will contact the school. Since the school is on the National Register of Historic Places it is technically a city landmark as well.

**Highline Canal:** Could the Canal be listed on the National Register or as a Cultural Heritage Site?

Items for February 14, 2023, meeting will include

- Update on Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage
- Update on Fox Signage SHF Grant
- Update on Precontact Book Project
- Update on Senac Site (5AH.380) Landmark Nomination
- Oral History Update & Demo of Phone Booths
- Update on Elizabeth Johnson Award
- Chapel and Fitzsimons Building 500 Landmark Nominations
- Update on Melvin School and Melvin Lewis Cemetery
- Mission Viejo Historic District
- Jamacia School National Registry
- Highline Canal Signage

- Discussion on Dam East & West as Possible Cultural Heritage Site Designation
- Discussion on Lightning 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 Ward Meetings
- Site Plan Report: Commissioner Tucker: Lowry- #12 Lowry Building 880, #26 Bicentennial Art
- Report on Wards Meetings
- Snacks – Mike Ackman

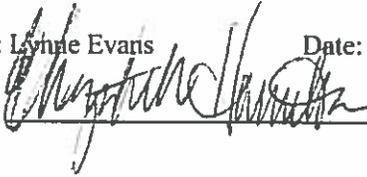
**V. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans

Date: January 16, 2023

Approved by:



Date:

2-14-2023

