

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

**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, Lynda Heckendorn, Charlie Peters, Todd McMahon, Emma Bertrand, Laura MacDonald

**Excused:** Barbara Henk

**Staff:** Lizz Ricci, the museum's Museum Collections Curator

**Guests:** Chris Geddes, Kelly Turk

**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 May 9, 2023, were approved via motion.

**II. Landmark Review and Realtors:**

Kelly Turk, a local realtor gave the commission an explanation of the responsibilities of a realtor to divulge to a buyer when a historic home is being bought or sold. She also explained that the sale of the McMillan House had clearly been marked as a historic home, so the seller had made that apparent, but she had no way of knowing if the buyer's agent had explained that. She offered to conduct an education class for realtors on buying and selling historic properties in the fall. Location of class Stanley Marketplace or the Museum.

**III. Staff Report**

Lizz Ricci, the museum's Collections Curator

**Section 106 reviews:** Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is planning improvements to the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Havana Street/and Del Mar Parkway. Aurora Chase Chapel, built in 1966 is eligible as a city landmark, as is Havana Park. The construction could adversely affect the Chase Chapel.

**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. Homeschool Archaeology Day was a great success.

**Historic Preservation Specialist Position:** Chris Geddes has been hired for the position and will start the beginning of July.

**Jamaica School:** Museum Director, Scott Williams has spoken with Josh Hensley, Chief Operating Officer of the Aurora Public Schools. Mr. Hensley sees no problem with making Jamaica School a city landmark. A landmarking proposal will be presented to the Aurora Public Schools Board Meeting. The date and time will be announced.

**Centennial House:** Bryan Neal, the North Facilities Manager, will have his team do the bathroom remodel. The go ahead for this project has been given, but a date has not been set at this time. The cost for the project will be \$1899.

**Montview Widening Project:** No update.

**Fitzsimons Chapel and Hospital:** No update

**Highline Canal:** Further communication with PROS staff is needed. Commissioner McMahon will be able to provide updates with HLCC in an upcoming meeting.

**City Council Members:** Commissioner Ackman has been talking to Mayor Pro Tem, Curtiss Gardner. He might be the next City Council member to invite to the next HPC meeting.

**Windler:** No update.

**Budget:** The budget stands at \$6,335.00 remaining in the budget.

#### IV. Old Business

**Fox Theatre SHF Grant:** Gabi Tobin is the new Public Works Project Manager. Design requests are being solicited by the city now. The grant extension has been approved and extended until May 2024.

**Senac Site (5AH.380):** No update

**Lowry Building 880 Interpretive Signage** draft prepared.

**Pre-Contact Book Project:** No update.

**Phone Booths for Oral History:** The Coder School is working on a summer completion.

**Melvin School and Melvin Lewis Cemetery:** No update.

**Fitzsimons Golf Course Rain Structures:** Steve Krell Gardner looked at the rain shelters and may finance the move. A planning trip may be arranged to move the project forward.

**Mission Viejo:** No update

**Dam East & West:** The Cultural Heritage Designation is on hold until after a survey is performed.

**Colorado Freedom Memorial:** The Cultural Heritage Designation Ceremony will take place on August 1, 2023

**Ward Meetings:** No update

**Colfax Landmarks:** No update

**Elizabeth Johnson Award:** Some possible recipients: Toll Gate Creek Chapter, NSDAR, Sandy Sweeney, Marcia Tate, Garry O'Hara.

**Site Plan Report:** Todd McMahon- Eastern Aurora: Commissioner McMahon reported that some concrete areas of the KOA Building need repair as do two light stanchions.

There is an awning coming apart on the Victory Grange, and there is rust above the door. The plaque is not evident on the building.

As for Mission Viejo, the fire station and vet clinic are in good shape. The shopping center parking lot has many potholes. There is trash around the old recreation center. The library is in good shape. Homes on Jefferson Street which were original show homes and had split rail fences along the green belt. Some of these are disappearing. Walls along Hampden are damaged. Light poles which have been replaced do not match the original light poles. Many of the Ponderosa Pines are dying.

#### V. New Business

**HPC party in July:** Location Del Mar Park on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The regular HPC meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Items for August 8, 2023, agenda 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
- Update on Oral History Update Phone Booths
- Update on Chapel and Fitzsimons Building 500 Landmark Nominations
- Update on Melvin School and Melvin Lewis Cemetery
- Update on Mission Viejo Historic District
- Update on Jamacia School National Register
- Update on Highline Canal Signage
- Update on Centennial House Bathroom Remodel
- Discussion on Rain Shelters on Fitzsimons Golf Course Relocation
- Discussion of Possible Landmark Nominations Proposed from Colfax Trip
- Discussion of Elizabeth Johnson Award and Larger Audience
- Discussion of Realtors' class location and date
- Discussion on Relocation of Fitzsimons Golf Course Rain Shelters

## VI. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Lynne Evans Date: June 25, 2023

Approved by:  Date: 8-8-23