

**AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**6:00 p.m.**



**Aurora History Museum  
15051 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80012**

**Present:** Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Vice Chair Mike Ackman, Emma Bertrand, Charlie Peters, Gordon Tucker, Lynda Heckendorn, Laura MacDonald, Tyler Lovejoy, Marpessa Allen, Lynne Evans, and Todd McMahon

**Staff:** Chris Geddes and Scott Williams

**Guests:** Tim Joyce, Assistant City Attorney, City of Aurora; Sara Kappel, State Tax Credit Specialist, History Colorado; Brian Grom, homeowner; Amanda Klitzke, 1638 Galena resident.

**I. Call to Order**

- A quorum being present, Chair Hamilton commenced the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Motion by Vice Chair Ackman, seconded by Commissioner McMahon.

**II. Public Hearing: Melvin School Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA): Major Alterations – ADA Ramp Construction and Shrub Removal**

- Cherry Creek School District applied for a grant through the State Historical Fund but did not receive it. The district decided to go ahead and fund the work on the school building themselves.
- Two components of the COA:
  - Juniper shrub removal around the building
  - Addition of the ADA ramp on backside of building
- Motion by Commissioner Evans to approve the COA for the Melvin School, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.

**III. Public Hearing: H.M. Milliken House Certificate of Appropriateness: Major Alterations – Post-Installation Review of Solar Panels**

- COA for the post-installation solar panels on the south roof, which represents a major alteration.
- Concern regarding not going through the correct COA process – Commission is trying to figure out how to approve this so that the homeowner can receive tax credits and/or have their solar panel system activated despite objections regarding panel placement (specifically, the five installed on the southwest side of the porch roof)
- Possible solution: work with installer to move those five panels to another place on the back of the property where they will be less visible from the street
- Next steps: meeting including two commissioners and Blue Raven Solar to be set up for discussion of possible relocation of the five improperly sited solar panels and also receive more information regarding the best placement decision for energy return (number of panels, energy performance, etc.). Discussion to be tabled until this meeting with Blue Raven Solar takes place.
- Assistant City Attorney Joyce's final questions to the Commission:
  - Does the solar panel installation preserve, enhance or restore the exterior architectural features of this landmark? All HPC members voted no.
  - Does the solar panel installation adversely affect the special characteristics or special historical architectural nature of this landmark? All HPC members voted

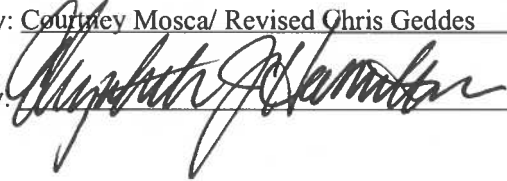
yes.

- Based on above votes indicating that no one currently approves of the COA, the HPC is prepared to move to a compromise stage.
- Motion by Commissioner Peters to table the vote on the COA until next month, seconded by Commissioner Bertrand.

**IV. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned the public meeting at 6:46 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Tucker.

Submitted by: Courtney Mosca/ Revised Chris Geddes Date: 4/1/2024

Approved by:  Date: 4-9-24