

City of Loveland
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary
November 19, 2012

A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, November 19, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Parks & recreation Conference Room in the Civic Center at 500 East Third Street, Loveland, CO. Historic Preservation Commissioners in attendance were: Janelle Armentrout, Jim Cox, Stacey Kersley, Trudi Manuel and Mike Perry. John Fogle, City Council Liaison, and staff members, Bethany Clark of Community & Strategic Planning and Nikki Garshelis of Development Services were also present. David Berglund and Matt Newman were absent.

Guests: Marcie Erion, Creative Sector Development Specialist at the City of Loveland

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Manuel made the motion to approve the agenda as is, Commissioner Kersley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Perry made the motion to approve the minutes as is, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Manuel and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Fogle reported that Dave Clark was elected as the new Councilor of Ward IV. Other issues included the possibility of City Council extending the moratorium on the oil and gas regulations per the request of the oil and gas industry, he said. The industry suggested waiting to see what changes the state makes before moving forward with local changes, he explained. He asked if there were other concerns from the HPC. Commissioner Manuel asked what will be done on the Leslie the Cleaner property now that the demolition is complete. Councilor Fogle said there will be a temporary sculpture installation and the area will be landscaped. The ultimate goal is to attract a development for the property, he said. There was a short discussion about the contamination from the cleaning and gas station businesses on the property and the remediation that had to be done to bring the property up to acceptable standards. Costs were covered by an environmental grant, Councilor Fogle explained.

STAFF UPDATE

Bethany Clark reported that the Saving Places Conference is scheduled from February 6th through February 8th, 2013. Commissioners can register online, pay and be reimbursed by the City for the \$140 general registration fee, she said. Bethany said she will send the link to them so they can register. There was a discussion about the workshops offered at the conference.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

CREATIVE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT – MARCIE ERION

Marcie Erion, Creative Sector Development Specialist in the Economic Development Department at the City of Loveland, gave a presentation about how she supports creative sector businesses in Loveland. Her presentation included the following:

- Creative sector businesses include art, technology and any business that has intellectual property. The bronze foundries, craft breweries and robotics companies are a few examples.
- Her position has an educational responsibility. An example is the LISA Program, which is an innovative program that uses art to instruct students in math, science and other disciplines.
- The Technology Transfer program connects businesses with each other for the purpose of sharing resources.
- She acts as the site activation coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology (RMCIT).
- Statistics about how much revenue is brought into Loveland through creative sector businesses and events were provided.

After the presentation there was a discussion about a possible artist's retreat at the Swartz Farmstead property and QR Codes on marketing materials like the Walking Tour brochure and various landmarks.

DEMO REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Bethany Clark asked the HPC if they would consider appointing two commissioners and one alternate to review the demolition permit applications. The intention is to increase review time, she explained. Past permit applications have been sent to all HPC members and the average review time is 10.29 days, she said. The review delay maybe caused when members assume others are reviewing the permit. *Nikki Garshelis* asked if scheduling the due date prior to the normal permit issuance date would help expedite the review process. HPC members agreed it would help. They still recognize, however, that they have 15 days to finalize the review if there are conditions that warrant the extra time. The HPC agreed they would like to rotate two members and an alternate on a monthly basis. It was suggested that new members be paired with more practiced members to assist them with any complicated parts of the review process. *Bethany* said she would create the schedule and send it out for approval.

2013 GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN

Commission Chair Cox suggested moving the Goal Setting/Work Plan to the January 21st HPC meeting since Commissioners Berglund and Newman were absent. The other members agreed.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Bethany Clark asked for suggestions about the holiday party and an HPC member to assist in organizing it. Commissioner Armentrout volunteered. The HPC said they liked the idea of having the event in a downtown location but would like something different than in previous years. The temporary art gallery on 4th Street, Loveland Ale Works, Sophia's, McCreery's and the Pourhouse were some of the suggested venues. *Bethany* and *Nikki* said they would look into venue availability dates and also available funds. The HPC expressed their interest having an outreach event by inviting the Loveland Historical Society, some key staff members, councilors and commissioners.

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

Due to Commissioners Berglund's and Newman's absence, the HPC agreed to move the Chair and Vice Chair elections to the January meeting.

101 **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

102 *Commissioner Manuel* asked for an update on the Bishop House. Bethany Clark said the owner had received a
103 permit to move the house but then had never done so. The permit will expire in December, she explained.

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105 *Councilor Fogle* suggested that when HPC members are downtown, they introduce themselves to the owners of
106 the restaurants and shops. This will help bring down barriers and create good relationships, he explained.

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108 **Meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.**