

City of Loveland
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary
July 16, 2012

A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Civic Center at 500 East Third Street, Loveland, CO. Historic Preservation Commissioners in attendance were: Jim Cox, David Berglund, Stacey Kersley, Trudi Manuel and Matt Newman. John Fogle, City Council Liaison and staff members, Nikki Garshelis and Madhuri Kulkarni were also present.

Guest: Mike Perry, President of the Loveland Historical Society

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission Chair Cox and the commission welcomed Stacey Kersley as the new commissioner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commission Chair Cox asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Manuel motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Newman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Newman motioned for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kersley and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

John Fogle reported that the City Council was pleased with the HPC's presentation at the study Session July 10th. He said that the depth of responses from the Commissioners were appreciated by the Councilors. Commission Chair Cox said he hopes that they communicated the HPC is ready to work with Council, staff and the community and they can put some of the contentious issues of the past behind them. There was a discussion about how long the HPC takes to review a demolition permit. Demolition permits are usually reviewed in a few days and not held up by the HPC. Tracking by staff will continue. Councilor Fogle encouraged the Commission to move forward with the designation of the Downtown Historic District and they instructed staff to set up a meeting regarding the designation.

STAFF UPDATE

Nikki Garshelis asked if there were any questions regarding the written staff reports. She reviewed the following items in the report:

- The first reading of the Landmark Designation of 524 North Harrison is scheduled for July 17; second reading is scheduled for August 7th.
- The City Manager asked Directors, Betsey Hale, Gary Havener, Greg George and Susan Ison to meet and prepare a report on the Swartz Farmstead for his review.
- Staff will be revising the Historic Landmark Ordinance to add language describing the property owner's obligation to receive approval prior to demolitions or exterior alterations on their structure.
- LHS is now in possession of the deed for The Medina Family cemetery which was preventing the local designation from moving forward. There was a discussion regarding this matter and;

Commissioner Newman made the motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the Landmark Designation of the Medina Family Cemetery for the August 20, 2012 HPC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manuel and it passed unanimously.

51 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**

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53 **VIESTENZ-SMITH MOUNTAIN PARK**

54 *Commissioner Newman* reported that the Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park has a rich history in Loveland.
55 Louis Papa, Mariano Medina's stepson, sold the land to the City of Loveland and the municipally owned
56 hydroelectric plant started on the property in 1924. Commissioner Newman would like to see the property
57 on the historic register. Councilor Fogle reported that he had access to pictures from the Big Thompson
58 flood and would pass those along to the HPC. After a discussion about priorities it was suggested that the
59 designation would be placed later on the schedule to allow for enough time to complete other projects.
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61 **CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION (JULY 10) REPORT**

62 *Discussion regarding this presentation can be found in the City Council Update.*

63 **SWARTZ FARMSTEAD/MILNER SCHWARZ HOUSE UPDATE**

64 *Commission Chair Cox* reported about the meeting he attended with the City Manager, Greg George, Rod
65 Wensing and Bethany Clark regarding the Swartz Farmstead. He explained that he agreed with the City Manager
66 that the Milner Schwarz House's National designation should move forward but the Swartz Farmstead was a
67 longer project and more documentation was required before that designation can be started. He said the City
68 Manager and staff were very positive about the Swartz Farmstead project but a game plan would need to be in
69 place first. The Commissioners agreed that a structural assessment of all the buildings is necessary before
70 anything moves forward. Mike Perry was asked for information about the availability of electricity on the Swartz
71 Farmstead. Mike explained that there was electrical capacity. Councilor Fogle expressed concern over the lack
72 of lighting on the property and suggested that the pole lights be illuminated for the sake of safety. Mike Perry
73 agreed to look into the lighting situation. Nikki asked the HPC to provide a motion to move forward on the
74 designation of the Milner Schwarz House by requesting authorization from City Council at the August 7th
75 meeting.
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77 *Commissioner Berglund made a motion asking for authorization from Council to prepare and submit an*
78 *application for designation to the State and/or National registers for Milner Schwarz House, Commissioner*
79 *Newman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
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81 **RECRUITMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

82 *Nikki Garshelis* reported that the City had received an application for a Commission seat. She will schedule the
83 interview as soon as possible, she said. Commission Chair Cox asked Mike Perry if he was interested in sitting on
84 the HPC. Mike said he was interested but he could not do so until after the summer because of other
85 commitments. He will discuss this issue with the LHS, he said.
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87 **NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

- 88 • Swartz Farmstead Update
 - 89 • Downtown Historic District
 - 90 • New Commissioners (LHS and Recent Interview)
 - 91 • Ordinance draft
 - 92 • Dinger Carousel
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94 **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- 95 • *Commission Chair Cox* asked Nikki Garshelis to research costs and availability for the Dinger Carousel.
96 He was asked by the Mayor to provide him with this information.
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98 **Meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.**