

City of Loveland
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary
May 19 2014

A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers in the Civic Center at 500 East Third Street, Loveland, CO. Historic Preservation Commissioners in attendance were: Janelle Armentrout, David Berglund, Jim Cox, Stacey Kersley, Jon-Mark Patterson and Mike Perry. Bethany Clark of Community & Strategic Planning and Nikki Garshelis of Development Services were also present.

Guests: Michelle Pearson, History Colorado and Nick Wharton, Capstone Project Intern

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Berglund called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Kersley made the motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and it passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REPORTS None

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

None

STAFF UPDATE

- Bethany Clark reported that the consultant, Carl McWilliams, has done preliminary work on the buildings in the proposed district. He plans to start photographing the buildings soon, she said. She reported that they are trying to locate the original photographs from the 1999 surveys on file with the Loveland Museum. The Museum is currently installing high-density storage so most of their collections are in off-site storage and difficult to access, she explained.
- Bethany reported that Stakeholder Interviews for the new Comprehensive Plan, *Create Loveland*, were held on April 29th and 30th. The next step will be two public Visioning Workshops to be held on June 10th and 11th at Bill Reed Middle School from 4- 8 pm., she said. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend the workshops.
- Commissioner Cox expressed his appreciation that staff was successful in compelling the owner of Chiller's Bar to remove the metal canopy. Bethany explained that the business' encroachment was in violation of the City's design standards.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Action Plan

Nick Wharton asked the HPC if they would like to move forward with a stakeholder's meeting or if they preferred to allow him to bring a draft of the Preservation Action Plan to the next meeting for review. There was a discussion about how much the plan would be based on the survey and how the survey was created and promoted. Nick explained that the survey was done on a "convenient sample" and promoted through Facebook and email distribution. There was also a discussion about the income level of homeowners in Loveland and how

that related to preservation of their homes. Nick said he would be able to send out a draft of the plan, at least, by the Friday before the June meeting. The Commissioners agreed that they would prefer to review the plan draft prior to any stakeholder meeting.

Youth/School Involvement in Historic Preservation

Michelle Pearson, Coordinator of Historic Preservation Education Grants, State Historical Fund, History Colorado, presented ideas to the HPC of how to involve students in historic preservation. Michelle was a teacher for 21 years prior to joining History Colorado where she is still involved in education programs. Ideas and suggestions she proposed to the HPC were:

- Partnering with teachers
- Train teachers to teach preservation (i.e. Architectural styles)
- History Day (making stories come to life)
- Youth on commissions (Broomfield is changing statute/One year or 2 year terms/Rotate)
- Have youth involved in Facebook page/Social media
- CO Youth Summit participation
- Architecture lesson
- Preservation Trunk
- Field trips
- Curriculum grants
- Library of Congress resources
- Youth Group received 145K for 9 house restoration in Four Mile Canyon
- Involvement in special events
- Home school students are easier to schedule
- Students can be involved in obtaining photo data projects.

Michelle asked the HPC how they would like to engage and involve youth. Commissioner Kersley spoke about losing projects due to the lack of community support and, by engaging youth, they become the ambassadors to their parents and other community members. She said she is scheduled to do an “architecture walk” with her daughter’s teacher and some students. Also, the HPC has been discussing adding a youth member to the Commission. Bethany Clark mentioned that the current term limit is three years and that would be difficult to manage for some youth, especially if they are appointed as seniors. Michelle agreed that it is hard to make the position sustainable but suggested a rotating position of one or two years.

The HPC discussed youth involvement and agreed they would like to meet with Jenni Dobson and Michelle Pearson prior to their next Commission meeting. They also agreed they would like to look into creating a Preservation Trunk to be used in the schools.

Milner-Schwarz House National Register Plaque

Bethany Clark reported that the local foundry does not do plaques in house. They order the plaque from out of state, she said. She requested direction about which plaque they would prefer and the Commissioners agreed that, although they’d like to use a local company, that wasn’t possible so they were fine with using the online company.

Commissioner Cox made the motion to order the plaque from the Erie Landmark Company for \$405 and use the language “...has been placed on...” Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion.

There was a discussion about the language used on one line on the plaque. The suggested language reads “This property has been placed on the...” The line on the sample read “This property is listed in the...” Commissioner Armentrout said she preferred the “...is listed in the...” over “... has been placed on the...”

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- The motion was put to a vote and it passed with Commissioners Berglund, Cox, Kersley, Patterson, and Perry voting yes and Commissioner Armentrout voting no.*
- Historic Preservation Month Discussion**
- There was a discussion about the Tour de Pants event on May 3rd. The HPC agreed it was a nice event and would like to expand upon it next year and also get youth involved in the event. They discussed starting to look into what “pants” to highlight in 2015.
- Next Meeting’s Agenda/Action Items**
- Capstone Project- Nick Wharton
 - Tom Hawkinson, Building Division
 - Youth Involvement
 - Review Landmark Designation for East 5th Street House
- Commissioner Comments**
- Commission Chair Berglund reported that at the Tour de Pants event he spoke to a citizen who complained a review by the HPC took 21 days. Commission Chair Berglund explained that Bethany had researched this issue for him and found that only 5 days had been taken for the HPC review. He had relayed that information to the citizen. He said he was concerned about this misinformation and was not sure how it happened.
 - Commissioner Armentrout expressed concern over her inability to use the electronic approval form when doing reviews. Staff assured her an email approval was sufficient.
 - Commissioner Perry requested a Review Schedule and staff will send it to him.
 - Commission Chair Berglund asked the HPC members if they would like a tour of the VFW on Cleveland as it was being sold and probably demolished as it was in very poor condition. There was a discussion about it being a POW building moved from Greeley. HPC members said they’d like a tour.
 - Commissioner Perry reported that the train depot was still in process to be moved to Granby.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:59p.m.**