

City of Loveland
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary
March 17, 2014

A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, March 17, 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 and Mike Perry. Bethany Clark of Community & Strategic Planning and Nikki Garshelis of Development Services were also present.

Absent: Matt Newman, Jon Patterson, John Fogle

Guest: Gene Stires, Jr

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZEN REPORTS Gene Stires, Jr., owner of the property at 123 N. Lincoln Ave. which was built circa 1935 as a Sinclair Service Station, reported that he's disappointed with how the City has handled the negotiations in regards to purchasing his property. He referenced a meeting with a city appointed real estate broker who "thinks the property owners in the area will roll-over" and sell their properties at a low price to make way for a new development. He said he spoke to Councilor Fogle who was also not supportive of his desire to keep his property as it is. He asked the HPC for their advice about placing the property on the historic register. The HPC members said they would review an application once he submitted it and decide if they will recommend approval by City Council, based upon the historic significance and integrity. They suggested that Mr. Stires gather public support for designating the property. Mr. Stires provided some information about the historic significance of the structure and said he would submit an application.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE None

STAFF UPDATE

- Bethany Clark reported that the Downtown National Historic District Open House was held on Thursday, March 6th from 3:00pm-6:00pm at The Majestic Gathering Place in Downtown Loveland. Approximately 6 to 7 citizens attended and seemed pleased with the effort to secure the designation, she explained.
- Clark reported that all structures on the Swartz Farmstead have been demolished. The cupola from the barn roof was spared and was taken to the Loveland Museum for admission into the collection, she said.
- The old waste water plant demolition was put on hold.
- The City held its annual Boards & Commissions summit on February 27th. Commission Chair Berglund and Commissioners Cox and Perry attended.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Action Plan Pre-Test Survey Results

Bethany Clark provided the results of the pre-test survey completed by Nicholas Wharton, MPA student at University of Colorado Denver. She reviewed the outline, demographics and next steps of the project. Another survey will be sent out in April and the findings will be presented by Nicholas at the April 21st meeting. He will present the final draft at the May 19th meeting. HPC members suggested sending the next survey to a more diverse audience.

Youth Involvement in Historic Preservation

Commissioner Kersley reported that she has been researching ways to get youth more involved in historic preservation after attending the Saving Places Conference in February. She said she would like to see the HPC work on creating partnerships with student groups. One of the interests of youth today, she explained, is the idea of sustainability, which has a natural connection to preservation. Besides partnering with student groups, having a high school student on the HPC might be a beneficial relationship for both the student and the commission, she said. If the students are excited about preservation then they can encourage other students and their families to get involved, she added.

There was a discussion about this proposal and all commissioners agreed they thought the idea was excellent. Bethany Clark agreed to ask Michelle Pearson from the State Historical Fund to attend an upcoming meeting to provide other suggestions to involve youth in the program as Michelle has a background in that area.

Thoroughly Historic Thursday June 12

Commissioner Perry reported that Jennifer Cousino from the Loveland Museum had asked for participation in the June 12th event highlighting historical materials and resources. He suggested that commissioners contact the museum if they would like to be involved.

Historic Preservation Month Discussion

Nikki Garshelis lead the discussion about the upcoming events in May:

1. May 3rd Tour de Pants. The committee met and is in the process of working out the details. Event plans include:
 - Jeff Feneis will lead the bike tour and will emphasize resources that attracted early settlers to this area. Mayor Gutierrez will participate in the bike ride and the celebration.
 - The boy scouts will hold a flag ceremony at the Medina Cemetery, Sharon Danhauer and Bill Meirath are handling the preparations of the cemetery event and the beginning of the bike ride.
 - Michelle Van Hare is providing a horse and wagon at the celebration event
 - Games will include a frozen pants contest, loom table, coloring table and others
 - Food will include biscuits and beans.
 - There will be an information table about the historic district project and historic preservation program.
 - Fifth Street from Lincoln to the alley will be closed off to traffic.
 - Commissioner Armentrout suggested getting the downtown businesses involved. Nikki will follow up with her to try to get the information out to them and see if they'd like to participate.
 - The Economic Development Department has provided \$1,000 in funds and staff requests another \$1,000 from the HPC budget. *Commissioner Cox made the motion to allow up to \$2,000 more in funds, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Perry and it passed unanimously.*
2. May 7th and May 14 are set for the Historic Workshops: Commissioner Kersley has scheduled the presenters which will include "Reclamation partnerships in Northern Colorado" highlighting projects that use repurposed barn wood, doors and other salvaged items and "Revitalization 101" a presentation on how to use the unique character of the built environment to revitalize and enhance the community.
3. 3rd week in May (TBD) Historic Walking Tour. Commissioner Perry is working on the tour and will provide the date and information soon.

- 94 4. Commissioner Cox discussed the Realtor Workshop. Bethany Clark advised that the workshop could be
95 held later in the year.

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97 **Next Meeting's Agenda/Action Items**

- 98 • Historic Preservation Month
99 • Capstone Project
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101 • Michelle Pearson
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104 **Commissioner Comments**

- 105 • Commissioner Cox led a discussion about keeping positive about the progress of the HPC. He spoke
106 about how the Schwarz Farmstead was an unfortunate loss but commissioners shouldn't let it mar their
107 enthusiasm for future projects. Commissioner Kersley agreed that it is important to stay optimistic and
108 confident of achieving success.
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111 **Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.**