

1 **City of Loveland**
2 **Historic Preservation Commission**
3 **Meeting Summary**
4 **March 17, 2014**

5 A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in
6 the City Council Chambers in the Civic Center at 500 East Third Street, Loveland, CO. Historic Preservation
7 Commissioners in attendance were: Janelle Armentrout, David Berglund, Jim Cox, Stacee Kersley and Mike
8 Perry. Bethany Clark of Community & Strategic Planning and Nikki Garshelis of Development Services were also
9 present.

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11 Absent: Matt Newman, Jon Patterson, John Fogle
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13 Guest: Gene Stires, Jr
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15 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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29 **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE** None
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31 **STAFF UPDATE**

- 32 • Bethany Clark reported that the Downtown National Historic District Open House was held on Thursday,
33 March 6th from 3:00pm-6:00pm at The Majestic Gathering Place in Downtown Loveland. Approximately
34 6 to 7 citizens attended and seemed pleased with the effort to secure the designation, she explained.
- 35 • Clark reported that all structures on the Swartz Farmstead have been demolished. The cupola from the
36 barn roof was spared and was taken to the Loveland Museum for admission into the collection, she said.
- 37 • The old waste water plant demolition was put on hold.
- 38 • The City held its annual Boards & Commissions summit on February 27th. Commission Chair Berglund
39 and Commissioners Cox and Perry attended.

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41 **CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS**
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43 **Historic Preservation Action Plan Pre-Test Survey Results**

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

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50 **Youth Involvement in Historic Preservation**

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

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

62 **Thoroughly Historic Thursday June 12**

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

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67 **Historic Preservation Month Discussion**

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

69 1. May 3rd Tour de Pants. The committee met and is in the process of working out the details. Event plans
70 include:

71 • Jeff Feneis will lead the bike tour and will emphasize resources that attracted early settlers to
72 this area. Mayor Gutierrez will participate in the bike ride and the celebration.
73 • The boy scouts will hold a flag ceremony at the Medina Cemetery, Sharon Danhauer and Bill
74 Meirath are handling the preparations of the cemetery event and the beginning of the bike ride.
75 • Michelle Van Hare is providing a horse and wagon at the celebration event
76 • Games will include a frozen pants contest, loom table, coloring table and others
77 • Food will include biscuits and beans.
78 • There will be an information table about the historic district project and historic preservation
79 program.
80 • Fifth Street from Lincoln to the alley will be closed off to traffic.
81 • Commissioner Armentrout suggested getting the downtown businesses involved. Nikki will
82 follow up with her to try to get the information out to them and see if they'd like to participate.
83 • The Economic Development Department has provided \$1,000 in funds and staff requests
84 another \$1,000 from the HPC budget. *Commissioner Cox made the motion to allow up to \$2,000*
85 *more in funds, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Perry and it passed unanimously.*

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87 2. May 7th and May 14 are set for the Historic Workshops: Commissioner Kersley has scheduled the
88 presenters which will include "Reclamation partnerships in Northern Colorado" highlighting projects
89 that use repurposed barn wood, doors and other salvaged items and "Revitalization 101" a presentation
90 on how to use the unique character of the built environment to revitalize and enhance the community.
91 3. 3rd week in May (TBD) Historic Walking Tour. Commissioner Perry is working on the tour and will provide
92 the date and information soon.

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

Next Meeting's Agenda/Action Items

- Historic Preservation Month
- Capstone Project
- Milner Schwartz House National Register status
- Michelle Pearson
- Gas Station Application

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Cox led a discussion about keeping positive about the progress of the HPC. He spoke about how the Schwarz Farmstead was an unfortunate loss but commissioners shouldn't let it mar their enthusiasm for future projects. Commissioner Kersley agreed that it is important to stay optimistic and confident of achieving success.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.