

City of Loveland
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary
September 17, 2019

A meeting of the Loveland Historic Preservation Commission was held Monday, September 16, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. in the Development Center at 410 East 5th Street, Loveland, Colorado. Historic Preservation Commissioners in attendance were Jay Ward, Jim Cox, Reyana Jones, Josh McCarn, Paula Sutton and Laurie White. Councilor Fogle, Nikki Garshelis, and Cita Lauden of Development Services were also present.

GUESTS

Bruce Croissant, Affordable Housing Commission
Timberlane Farm Board Members, Dale and Pam Osborn, Sue Osborn, Roger Clark, and Randy Starr

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair McCarn called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

WELCOME STUDENT COMMISSIONER

Commission Chair McCarn welcomed Jay Ward, Student Commissioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sutton made the motion to approve the agenda with a request to change the order of agenda items, to better accommodate representatives of Timberlane Farms. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made the motion to approve the July 15 and July 25 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CITIZEN REPORTS

Bruce Croissant, Affordable Housing Commission, asked for the Commission's support on Ballot issues 2A and 2B, allowing voters the opportunity to raise the City's sales tax by a half a cent. If passed the increase would fund eight specific community improvement projects, he explained.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Fogle provided the following updates:

- Information on the benefits of Metro Districts.
- There will be a 5% budget cut, City wide for 2020, in part due to the decrease in sales tax revenue.

STAFF UPDATE

Nikki Garshelis reviewed the Staff Report

- **Survey Grant:** A bid process requesting proposals from five firms closed August 8th and the consultant selected was Carl McWilliams with Cultural Resource Historians. McWilliams will present an update of the survey at the November 18 HPC meeting
- **Heidi Fuhrman (Volunteer/Intern):** Heidi Fuhrman is close to completing the intensive inventory form for the property at 111 Roosevelt Avenue. Her work has included records research, online, museum, library and county and has had meetings with City staff, the current property owner. Due

to time constraints, Fuhrman will not begin a second property research project. Fuhrman will present her draft inventory to the HPC at the October 21st meeting.

- **Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event September 9th:** Commissioners Cox, Kersley and White attended the Boards & Commissions Appreciation Event.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

TIMBERLANE FARMS (Timberlane Farms Board)

- The Board members discussed problematic issues they are having with their attempts at selling the property. There was a discussion about the Annexation agreement and its limitations. They will submit a request to amend the annexation agreement. There was a discussion about the HPC assisting with reaching out to CSU to discuss an interest they might have on taking over the property. The HPC expressed their desire to help in any way they can to transfer the property to the right owners.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT (Stirman)

- Laurie Stirman, Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Historic Preservation Commission's Roles and Responsibilities, which included Open Meetings, Open Records, Email and Social Media, Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.

GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD & FREIGHT BUILDING UPDATE (Sutton)

- *Commissioner Sutton* reported that the contract for the building assessment was awarded, and *Commissioner Cox* shared what he learned while accompanying the consultant (KL&A Structural Engineers) during the inspection. The full Assessment Report will be issued soon, they said. *Commissioner Cox* reported that the buildings might be moved by crane instead of truck, which would probably be less expensive than a move by truck.

DOWNTOWN DESIGN STANDARDS (McCarn, Cox, Askeland, Garshelis)

- *Commissioner's Cox, McCarn, Askeland, City staff Nikki Garshelis and Troy Bliss, along with LDP/DDA staff, Sean Hawkins and Korey Streich* met with the consultant, Todd Vanadilok of Egret & Ox Planning, hired to produce the Downtown Design Standards guide. The consultant presented initial work. He will develop a draft for the team to review in October.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- *Commissioner White* thanked *Councilor Fogle* for explaining how Metro Districts work.
- *Commissioner Cox* reported that Mike Scholl, from the City's Economic Development Department is leaving the City for a new position. Commissioner Cox said he appreciated Mike's efforts in the downtown area.
- *Commissioner Sutton*, shared an article featured in Noco Style Magazine. The article featured the City of Loveland 4th Street Historic District, as well as the Feed and Grain.

- **Adjourned: 6:57 PM**