

## AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.



**Fox Arts Center**  
**9900 E. Colfax Ave.**  
**Aurora, CO 80010**

**Present:** Chair Elizabeth Hamilton, Vice Chair Mike Ackman, Secretary Emma Bertrand, Lynne Evans, Gordon Tucker, Lynda Heckendorn, and Todd McMahon

**Absent:** Charlie Peters, Laura MacDonald

**Staff:** Chris Geddes, Scott Williams

**Guests:** Rick Cronenberger, Rich Cowden

### **I. Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Chair Hamilton called the Historic Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

The minutes from the HPC regular meeting on September 12, 2023, were approved as distributed.

### **II. Guest Speaker**

Rick Cronenberger, former chair of the Littleton Historical Preservation Board, spoke about creating the historic preservation program in Littleton in the late 1990s. He also offered up suggestions about updating Aurora's historic preservation ordinance and ways to protect resources outside of local landmark designation.

### **III. Staff Report: Chris Geddes (HPS):**

#### **Compliance Section 106:**

Kings Crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> and Chambers will be low income housing. No historic resources impacted.

**Fox Arts Center:** Approval for sign contractor on the docket for City Council Meeting October 23. Would like to have under contract in early November.

**Melvin School:** Grant submitted October 2, 2023. Will hear back December 15, 2023. Meeting with Cherry Creek School District and consultants scheduled for December 18, 2023. Work to begin in Spring of 2024 if grant awarded.

**Jamaica School:** APS Board approved local landmark for the building. Will get landmark plaque and coordinate with school district for ceremony.

**Golf Shelter:** Quote to disassemble and move golf shelter is \$15,000. Will get quotes from other contractors.

**Windler Farm Site Visit:** Existing buildings will be repurposed. Bricks from the old farmhouse will be used in construction of visitor center. Plan is for the property to be an urban farm with an orchard, farm animals, and educational opportunities.

**Fitzsimons Chapel:** New effort by city to save the chapel. Tour for city officials to be set up and how to proceed. Still in the early stages.

**Melvin-Lewis Cemetery:** New president for the Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society. HPS

Geddes will set up a meeting to discuss signage and access.

**Historic Preservation Specialist Assistant Job:** Offer extended to one candidate with the hope of having them on board by the middle of November.

**DeLaney Farm:** Window repair on the Ed Barn will not actually cost \$3,000. HPS Geddes requested approval to use \$3000 for repair of Ed Barn siding instead. **Vice Chair Ackman moved** to use the \$3,000 allotted for windows for siding repair. **Secretary Bertrand seconded. Motion approved.**

**Centennial House:** Handrail in bathroom completed. Waiting to hear on interior window cover for security purposes.

**HPC Retreat:** Retreat will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at CAPSTC. Information will be sent out by staff for commissioners to prepare ahead of the retreat.

**HPC Vacancies:** Still have 2 vacancies. Preference for diversity and from Ward I. Have had a couple of applications and will set up interviews soon.

#### **IV. Old Business**

**Phone Booth:** Beta testing failed. Will continue to work on it.

**Brick for Colorado Freedom Memorial:** Anonymous voting done for what the brick will say. HPS Geddes will tally votes and let HPC know which phrase will be on brick and make the purchase with money already allocated (\$250)

**Holiday Dinner.** Stanley Marketplace is not the best place for a sit-down holiday dinner. Decision made to go to Fat Boy's on December 12, 2023.

#### **V. New Business**

No new business discussed.

Items November 14, 2023, meeting will include:

- Guest Speaker – Midori Clark, Director of Library and Cultural Services will speak on the newly approved Cultural Arts Plan
- Discussion on the Colfax Tour
- Retreat preparation

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Emma Bertrand

Date: October 31, 2023

Approved by:



Date:

11-14-2023