

City of Greeley, Colorado
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
May 3, 2021

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Brunswick called the remote meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. via the City's Zoom platform.

The hearing clerk called the roll.

PRESENT

Chair Bob Brunswick
Commissioner Doran Azari
Commissioner Christen DePetro
Commissioner Dan Podell
Commissioner Laura Sattler

Two vacancies exist.

II. Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Podell moved to accept the agenda. Commissioner Azari seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of April 5, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner DePetro noted that her first name was misspelled on the minutes. Commissioner Azari moved to approve the minutes dated April 5, 2021 as amended. Commissioner Sattler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Public Input

Marshall Clough, 1619 14th Street, addressed the Commission on behalf of Historic Greeley, Inc. (HGI). In remembrance of Peggy Ford Waldo, Mr. Clough expressed thanks for her efforts over the years on behalf of HGI and historic preservation in Greeley. He updated the Commission on rehabilitation of the Color Portraits sign on 16th Street and advised that Linde Thompson has been talking with contractors to obtain bids. Mr. Clough advised that HGI is soliciting nominations for designation of mid-century modern homes. He reported that the Bessie Smith house has been evaluated by staff from the State Historical Fund who are pleased with the progress to date. Additionally, the church who owns the land where the Bessie Smith house is located is working on a tax credit application.

V. Resolution Commending John Gifford for Service on Historic Preservation Commission

Chair Brunswig read a resolution into the record commending John Gifford for his service on the Commission.

VI. Resolution Commending Scott McLean for Service on Historic Preservation Commission

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Chair Brunswig noted that there are currently two vacancies on the Commission and solicited applications from any person who might be interested in serving.

VII. Colorado Preservation, Inc. Saving Places Conference Reports

Chair Brunswig, Elizabeth Kellums and Darrell Gesick each provided highlights and takeaways from the sessions they attended at the virtual Saving Places conference held on February 10-12, 2021.

Chair Brunswig reported that he attended four sessions and also chaired and participated in a fifth session. One session, "The Trolley Forward," promoted Colorado's streetcar history using GIS story maps. Chair Brunswig observed that the Commission might consider drawing on the City's GIS capability for future local projects. Another session of interest was "Archeology for a Changing Colorado." One session provided State Historical Fund 2021 Program Updates. Chair Brunswig stated that this is the largest source of grant funds for historic preservation construction, archeology and other programs. Those attending the session learned about plans to adapt and change the program to assist local programs impacted by the pandemic. Chair Brunswig co-chaired a session with other professors from the University of Northern Colorado about the African American community of Dearfield located east of Greeley along Highway 34. He described efforts to preserve some of the buildings at the site and the historical and archeological research that has taken place for the past several years.

Ms. Kellums provided information about a Denver ordinance that now includes criteria for cultural significance in determining eligibility for historic designation. She described things such as murals that might fall within this category and suggested it might be something for the Commission to discuss and consider. Ms. Kellums also provided highlights from the welcome address by Dana Crawford, a recognized figure in Colorado for historic preservation.

Mr. Gesick, a planner with the Community Development Department, reported that he had attended several sessions and enjoyed the conference. During one session "Endangered to Save" about rehabilitation of the Goodnight Barn in the Pueblo area, Mr. Gesick was

impressed by how much time is spent doing research on historic projects and what it takes to reconstruct a project using current building practices and codes and technology such as GIS or drones. Mr. Gesick described the long-term impact of preserving historic places and buildings. He stated attending the conference provided a good opportunity to network and learn from other communities.

VIII. Opportunity at Risk: The Contribution of San Antonio's Older Housing to Affordable Housing (from Place Economics Webinar)

Chair Brunswig described a series of webinars provided by Place Economics and commented how historic preservation is an important part of the fabric of different communities. He advised that a webinar about the City of San Antonio's contribution to making older housing more affordable would be viewed during meeting. He invited Commissioners to relate their takeaways to Greeley and share afterwards. Ms. Kellums displayed the webinar by staff from TICCO who had worked in partnership with Place Economics on the virtual presentation.

IX. Commission Member Reports

Chair Brunswig shared the sentiments expressed by Dr. Clough about the passing of Peggy Ford Waldo who was a great friend to many in the community and stated that the Historic Preservation Commission would hold a brief memorial session during its May 17th meeting. He advised that a proclamation would also be read during the City Council meeting on May 4th at 6:00 and invited members to view the livestream on YouTube.

X. Staff Report

Ms. Kellums addressed the Commission and reminded everyone that May is Historic Preservation Month. She noted a segment on GTV8 where she was interviewed about historic preservation. She advised that various Windows of Time DVDs will be featured each week on GTV8 and are also available for viewing on YouTube. Ms. Kellums advised that it is her hope to resume in-person walking tours in the near future. She reported that on Thursday, May 27, Professor George Junne from UNC would present a virtual Brown Bag discussion, "The Sky's the Limit," about Black fighter pilots during WWI.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Chair Brunswig adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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