

City of Greeley, Colorado
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting

May 15, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Chair Bob Brunswig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

The hearing clerk called the roll.

PRESENT

Commissioner Doran Azari
Commissioner Christen DePetro
Commissioner Dan Podell
Commissioner Sean Jaehn
Commissioner Gabriel Llanas

ABSENT

Commissioner Melissa Sizemore

3. Approval of Agenda

With no additions or changes, Commissioner Podell moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Jaehn seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 (1 commissioner absent).

4. Historic Preservation Month

Elizabeth Kellums, Planner III – Historic Preservation, began with introducing the discussion on Historic Preservation Month. Posters have been made and are being distributed to businesses. They are available for anyone who would like one. Mrs. Kellums added that in honor of Historic Preservation Month there would be a walking tour later this evening in the Sunrise neighborhood on the west side of the park beginning at 5:30 p.m. There was also a proclamation during the City Council meeting a couple of weeks ago designating May as Historic Preservation Month. Finally, in celebration of Historic Preservation Month, the city will stream previously recorded walking tours and Windows of Time documentaries on GTV8.

5. Report from Historic Greeley

No reports.

6. Commission Member Reports

Chair Brunswig called for commission member reports. He indicated that Commissioner Llanas had a report to give on his attendance at the Colorado Preservation conference earlier this year. Commissioner Llanas began his report by sharing the most important thing he took away from the conference as a new commissioner was the focus on Colorado history and the story telling related to the history around us. He found all the work that is going into preservation in relation to the background and stories behind the history. He really enjoyed the conference and took a lot out of it to better serve him on the Commission and for his future.

Commissioner Azari shared with the Commission that he had the opportunity to attend History Fest at Centennial Village as a co-host. He shared that the event puts Greeley in a positive spotlight. This event is open to children from all over Greeley and the surrounding areas to tour Centennial Village and see different presentations at the different locations and learn about the structures, what they were used for and the history behind them. He thanked the staff of the City for putting the event on and suggested that other commissioners get involved next year.

Chair Brunswig shared that Commissioner DePetro, himself and Mrs. Kellums met last week to discuss the Commission's direction. The outcome is that there is a chance the Commission could expand, and they are going to increase the education on historic preservation and look into adding budget resources. Future meetings may start including presentations from the commissioners at meetings related to Greeley history. He asked the commissioners to think about this and what they would present on if given the opportunity.

7. Staff Report

Chair Brunswig called for staff reports.

Mrs. Kellums thanked Commissioner Azari for his participation in History Fest during the duration of the event. She shared it was fun to work with the kids at the event and seeing them participate. It was a great experience, and she invited the commissioners to join the next one in September.

Mrs. Kellums shared that there was a Sunrise neighborhood meeting at Jefferson School. It was a good opportunity to meet the people who live in the area and share about historic preservation in the neighborhood. She learned that the residents are interested in preservation of their neighborhood; attendees at the meeting expressed concern about developers coming in and demolishing existing homes to build newer buildings. There was a lot of interest in protecting the neighborhood. She found it to be a very productive meeting overall.

She shared that there is a meeting on May 18 for the Cranford neighborhood survey. This meeting will include discussion on the results of the survey.

Mrs. Kellums also indicated that there was also a grant to do a sub-area plan for the housing needs assessment. Currently they are promoting the public survey to be completed on the Speak Up Greeley site. She encouraged the commissioners to complete the survey as well.

8. Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Chair Bob Brunswig adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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Elizabeth Kellums

Elizabeth Kellums, Secretary

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Bob Brunswig

Bob Brunswig, Chair