

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
1290 S. Public Road

January 6, 2014

Present:

Rebecca Schwendler
Jessica Lowery
Bob Jencks
Karen Lloyd
Emmy Brouillette
Anthony Viers
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison
Gary Klaphake, City Administrator
Jenn Ooton, Urban Renal Authority Executive Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Schwendler.

Old Business/Other Business

None.

Items from the Public

None.

Minutes of the November 4, 2014 Meeting

Board member Lowery moved to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes, as corrected, seconded by Board member Jencks. Motion passed unanimously.

Topics For Discussion

Election of Officers

The Board discussed the process of electing officers. Board member Brouillette moved to postpone the election of officers and the demolition Review Team until the February meeting and for those interested in any of those positions email staff member Westover who will provide a ballot with names of those interested, seconded by Board member Lloyd, motion passed unanimously.

Election of Demolition Review Team

Postponed until the February meeting.

10021 W Baseline Road Discuss Options

David Ware, President of McStain Neighborhoods, reviewed the demolition review process and the importance of the Di Giacomo family in Lafayette. He presented a proposal of a new plaque to coordinate with the existing Beauprez and Piszek plaque located inside the Indian Peaks golf course club house. The Board suggested the description include more information about the family and the farm to give a sense of historic place and perhaps the photos description could be framed. The Board also suggested that the Beauprez and Piszek plaque be upgraded to include more about the farms and family. Mr. Ware thanked the Board for the input and said he would return next month with a design. He noted that there was a deadline to have the memorial approved by the Board. Board member Jencks moved to extend the deadline to March 3, 2014, seconded by Board member Lloyd, motion passed unanimously.

Plans for Salvaged Materials

City Administrator, Gary Klaphake, described to the Board the idea of Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority ("LURA") taking the former La Familia building on Geneseo Street and Public Road and bringing it back to the look of the Highway Café. He showed the Board architectural renderings of the plans and indicated that he suggests that even the Coors sign be replicated. He noted that the tin ceiling and siding would be used in the vestibule where it could be showcased and that a plaque would be installed to tell the story of where it came from. He recalled how the Board's meeting with LURA helped make this project a priority. The project should be seeing movement this spring or summer. The Board thanked Mr. Klaphake for the vision and enthusiasm and indicated they wanted to help and be part of the project.

The Board remarked that the Post Brewing Company has done a fabulous job retaining the former VFW Post building and recognizing their name and Post # 1777 in the name of the business. Board member Brouillette offered to write them a letter of appreciation and a letter to the editor of the Colorado Hometown News.

Public Outreach

The Board reviewed the budget proposal made to City Council in July 2013, and focused on public outreach projects and how to apply the \$3,000 budget. Board member Jencks offered to put together ideas for a DIY workshop and how much it may cost to host the workshop. The Board talked about strategies to reach the public through enhanced websites, Facebook, Next Door, flyers, City Update, and a booth at City events. The Board discussed using material that has already been prepared such as how to landmark your house, tax credits, and grants.

The Board agreed they needed booths at all the Art Night Out events, and the Peach Festival and hand out existing walking tour pamphlets, stickers, and

historic information. The Board identified the need for a logo and suggested the art department at Centaurus High school may be interested in participating in a logo contest.

The Board agreed to discuss the public outreach at the next meeting and assign action items.

Old Town Design Guidelines

Board member Lowery provided a questionnaire she had prepared to help canvas the Old Town neighborhood regarding important design features. The Board agreed to review the questionnaire and discuss it at the next meeting.

125th Anniversary

The Board discussed the Historic Homes Tour and Board member Schwendler suggested the following homes for the tour:

1. 600 E. Simpson Street
2. 409 E. Cleveland Street
3. 111 W. Baseline Road - Cemetery
4. 111 W. Cannon Street
5. 501 E. Cleveland Street
6. 201 W. Chester Street
7. 604 E. Simpson Street - Train Depot house

Other suggestions included:

- Photo Contest (historic family photos)
- Bake-Off and Cake Walk
- Walking Tours of Old Town
- Cemetery Tour w/ Joe Hill Recognition
- Period Costumes
- Art Night Out Booth

The Board suggested contacting the Historical Society and see what they were planning.

Board member Schwendler suggested that as part of each meeting each Board member make a presentation on some person or story from Lafayette's past as part of personal enrichment, so the Board was more familiar with past stories and summary cards could be made to talk from at event booths or tours.

Public Comments

Michael Ward from the Erie Historic Preservation Board introduced himself and said their Board members were visiting other community's preservation meeting to gather ideas. He noted that the Erie Board meets on the 4th Monday at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjourn

Board member Jencks moved, seconded by Board member Lloyd, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Rebecca Schwendler, Chair
Historic Preservation Board