

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
Starkey Building 309 S. Public Road

February 6, 2012

Present:

Sydney Swennes
Saundra Dowling
Nick Nimmer
Carrie Miller
Rebecca Schwendler
Emmy Brouillette
Christine Berg, Council Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

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

Items from the Public

Board member Dowling reported that the Rocky Mountain Society Botanical Artist were looking for a venue and will be joining the Cottage Gardens and Coups Tour with LOTA on June 16th. PARTiculars will be hosting a reception and will provide a display area for the artist. Board member Schwendler noted that the inventory at the Museum is concluding within the next three months.

Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Meeting

Board member Swennes moved to approve the January 9, 2012 minutes, seconded by Board member Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Demolition Review Team

The Board discussed rotating members on the Team so those who are interested in serving have an opportunity. The Board approved Board member Schwendler and Board member Dowling to serve on the Demolition Review Team with Board member Miller as the alternate.

**Public Road Survey/Downtown Visioning Workshop Follow Up
Descriptions of Adaptive Reuse of 12 Eligible Properties on Public Road.**

The Board discussed 705 S. Public Road, the sand born maps, its original location, and noted the location of the building gives it integrity for the National Register. The Board discussed the format of the descriptions. Board member Schwendler offer to format the descriptions using a similar format that the City Administrator uses to market properties in town.

List of How Preservation Fits the Visioning Plan

The Board discussed how they wanted to develop a standard set of language to communicate how preservation furthers the visioning plan. The Board asked staff to send them the link to the visioning plan.

Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion

The Board reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies and discussed changes to the various sections. The Board agreed to review these changes at the next meeting.

2012 Goals

The Board discussed the goals for 2012 and noted that since heritage awards are given in odd years, that goals should be taken off for 2012 and put back on the list for the 2013 goals. The Board drafted the following goals for 2012:

1. **Foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past.**
 - a. *Explore possibilities for a joint project that would combine public art with historic preservation.*
 - i. *Work with the Arts Commission and LOTA Resident's Committee[SD]*
 - ii. *Monthly development agenda from the Planning Commission. [Staff]*
2. **Integrate historic preservation with the City's comprehensive development plan and the Downtown Visioning Plan.**
 - a. *Participate on Downtown Action Committee [SD]*
 - b. *Communicate as needed with the Lafayette Planning Commission, Historical Society, Urban Renewal Authority, Architectural Review Committee, Lafayette Old Town Association, and Downtown Action Committee to ensure that historic preservation is integrated in new developments. [SD RS]*
3. **Protect, stabilize or improve aesthetic and economic vitality and values of such sites, structures, objects and districts.**
 - a. *Schedule a cemetery celebration for the restoration of the headstones funded in part by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.*
 - b. *Implement Public Road Survey and use information to prioritize restoration projects and to encourage local landmark nominations.*
4. **Promote good urban design and encourage continued private ownership and utilization of such sites, structures, objects or districts.**
 - a. *Communicate with area developers to encourage historic preservation within new developments and the Urban Renewal District. [RS]*
 - b. *Use survey inventory and site visit information to send follow up letters reminding owners of homes eligible for landmark status and encourage owners to nominate their property for landmarking.*
 - c. *Increase outreach efforts by canvassing the neighborhood and making personal contact for all potentially eligible properties.*
 - d. *Continue to update and develop a list of resources to assist property owners in their research of their properties. [CS]*
 - e. *Develop Descriptive Guidelines for the 12 eligible landmarked properties on Public Road.*
5. **Promote the use of outstanding historical or architectural sites, structures, objects and districts for the education, stimulation, and welfare of the people of the city; and provide educational opportunities to increase public appreciation of Lafayette's unique heritage.**

- a. *Host a booth at community events and continue to participate and sponsor Annual Holiday Tour. [All]*
- b. *Develop written information/project sheet and display the following information on the web site:*
 - i. *Transportation History Report*
 - ii. *Cemetery Tour*
 - iii. *Mining Context Report*
- c. *Update web with the following project sheets:*
 - i. *Sports History Report*
 - ii. *Lafayette High School*
 - iii. *Lafayette Library*
- d. *Prepare and submit a grant application for Architectural Intensive Survey for East Simpson Street.*
- e. *Prepare and submit grant applications for structural assessments for the Mary Miller Theater and the Miners Museum*

Old Business/ New Business

Adjournment

Board member Nimmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Board member Dowling, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Rebecca Schwendler, Chair
Historic Preservation Board