

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers 1290 S. Public Road

May 7, 2012

Present:

Sydney Swennes
Saundra Dowling
Nick Nimmer
Erick Twitty
Christine Berg, Council Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison

Also present – Richard Kauflin, owner of 210 East Cleveland St, and Rusty White, contract purchaser of 210 East Cleveland St.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Dowling. Introductions were made.

Items from the Public

The Historical Society is hosting a program about mining on May 10, 2012 at the library.

Minutes of the April 2, 2012 Meeting

Board member Nimmer moved to approve the April 2, 2012 minutes, seconded by Board member Twitty. Motion passed unanimously.

Topics For Discussion

210 East Cleveland Street – Options

Rusty White began the discussion with some background information about himself and how he was interested in Old Town historic and economic preservation. Mr. White described how the house at 210 E. Cleveland Street was originally leveled with the slope of the lot and noted some of the current problems with the house. Mr. White shared some ideas he had to rehabilitate the existing house and how the creation of a second unit on the property generated fresh money to make the project feasible. Mr. White pointed out the zoning currently allowed a duplex or a principle dwelling with a 750 square foot accessory dwelling unit. His idea was to designate the existing 900 square foot house as the accessory dwelling unit and build a principle building in the middle of the lot and divide the lot into two separate lots.

Ron Kauflin addressed the Board and noted that he signed the nomination application and had requested his demolition permit be withdrawn. He stated that he was not willing to wait for the perfect buyer and he had stopped renting the house in February because his insurance company dropped coverage on the house.

The Board discussed how they recognized that it may be necessary to look at creative ways to help fund the preservation of the house and generally expressed support for the concept but wanted to make sure the new house was compatible with the existing house and the neighborhood.

Descriptions for Eligible Properties

Staff member Westover noted that 2-page descriptions were prepared by Board member Schwendler and asked the Board to give a final review before forwarding these to Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority (LURA) for consideration. The Board made a few changes to the descriptions and clarified the height of 100 E. Cleveland St was not limited to one-story and reviewed the two options for the buildings at 101-103 N. Public Road, either retain the 1960's style or return to the 1940's style.

Outreach for Property Owners Identified in the City's Architectural Surveys.

The Board agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.

Old Business/Other Business

Staff member Westover reminded the Board that their next meeting on June 4th would be the public hearing for the landmark nomination of 210 E. Cleveland St.

Adjournment

Board member Nimmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Board member Swennes, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Saundra Dowling, Acting Chair
Historic Preservation Board