

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Special Meeting Minutes
City Hall Upstairs Conference Room 1290 S. Public Road

March 12, 2013

Present:

Sandra Dowling
Rebecca Schwendler
Nick Nimmer
Karen Lloyd
Jessica Lowery
Emmy Brouillette
Eric Twitty
Bob Jencks
Van Wilgus, Planning Commission Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison
Judy Scott
Roger Barbeau

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Schwendler.

Items from the Public

None.

Topics For Discussion

Options for 401 East Geneseo

During the demolition permit stay, the Board is charged with looking at options for the property at 401 East Geneseo Street which may include restoration, salvaging materials, interpretive signs, documentation of the building and property, and a third-party landmark nomination. The Board focused on the review criteria for a third-party landmark nomination. Staff member Westover reviewed the information that had been gathered and how it related to the landmark criteria.

Architecture - The house is a front cross-gabled style. A few other existing houses in Old Town are also this style, including the house at 303 East Simpson Street and 305 East Chester Street. The house is a style particularly associated with Lafayette Old Town neighborhood. It was also noted that recognizing this style in the Old Town neighborhood helps confirm a pattern of front cross-gable style houses.

Social - The property, in combination with 403 East Geneseo Street, operated as a greenhouse business from at least 1896 to 1924. The Floral and Seed Company was a unique business supported by the community during the coal mining boom. This reflects the community's value for landscaping and beautification and is consistent with the well established trees and flower gardens in the Old Town neighborhood. This house and property are associated with a cultural, economic and social heritage of the community.

Geographic – The house has stood as a familiar setting at this corner for over 100 years.

The Board discussed the criteria of overwhelming historic importance and how it related to the property. Board member Dowling moved, the Board not precede with a third-party landmark nomination application, seconded by Board member Lowery, the motion passed 5-2.

Roger Barbeau, contractor for the demolition, offered to deconstruct the house and reuse and salvage what materials and landscaping he could.

Board member Brouillette moved, seconded by Board member Nimmer, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Rebecca Schwendler, Chair
Historic Preservation Board