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

June 3, 2013

Present:

Rebecca Schwendler
Saundra Dowling
Nick Nimmer
Karen Lloyd
Jessica Lowery
Bob Jencks
Emmy Brouillette
Van Wilgus, Planning Commission 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 Brouillette announced that her new job might involve night meetings and that August may be her last meeting. She also brought baked goods to share with the Board and explained the survival rate of relocating the juniper bushes at 401 E. Geneseo Street was low and she was unable to relocate them. Board member Schwendler reported that she met Linda Miron owner of 301 East Cannon Street and will help her research the history of her home. The new President of the Historical Society is Wayne Arner.

Minutes of the May 6, 2013 Meeting

Board member Jencks moved to approve the May 6, 2013 minutes, seconded by Board member Dowling. Motion passed unanimously.

Topics For Discussion

Demolition By Neglect

The Board reviewed Louisville's incentives, Telluride's maintenance check list, and noted Arvada has historic and conservation districts to regulate buildings. Lafayette also has provisions for maintenance of landmarked buildings but the Board is concerned about those buildings that are not landmarked. The Board discussed how they noticed that when one property owner completes maintenance or improvements others surrounding property owners follow with some type of improvement. Lafayette Old Town Association ("LOTA") is looking at providing a \$500 reimbursement grant for an old town property and perhaps

the City could offer a matching grant. The Board explored placing a preservation tax on the November 2014 ballot to support a preservation program similar to Louisville's. The Board also discussed why people may neglect maintenance on their properties. Board member Brouillette offered to prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the joint City Council workshop outlining the incentives that could be offered to property owners to maintain their property.

Landmark Property Owner's Reception

A reception for landmark property owners will be held at the Starkey building on June 23 between 3 pm and 5pm. The Board discussed inviting others and agreed it would be for landmarked property owners. Board member Dowling offered to design and prepare an invitation and Board member Schwendler offered to make contact for the catering.

Landmark Criteria Review

Board member Lowry reported that because of her job, she would not be able to participate in any legislative matters for the City. The Board agreed to move this item to the end of the meeting so Board member Lowry would not need to come back to the meeting after this item and could then leave the meeting when this item came up.

Later in the meeting, after Board member Lowry left the meeting, the Board revisited this item and made a few changes to the proposal. Staff member Westover reported that the draft would be sent to the City Attorney for review.

Demolition Review Process

The Board reviewed the Demo Review step process and discussed what decisions were made at each step. The Board agreed to use this as an internal checklist. It was suggested that the City Attorney attend a Board meeting to talk about options the Board may take during a demolition review and Board third-party nominations.

Public Input Procedures

The Board agreed to have members of the public address them at the beginning of the meeting under "Items From the Public" and when invited to the table to speak. The Board requested the location of the meeting be moved to City Hall so there is enough room to separate the Board and the public. The Board also requested that Old Business/New Business be moved up in the agenda after the Call to Order and another opportunity for public comments be provided at the end of the agenda.

125th Anniversary

The Board reviewed the list of ideas and agreed that if they thought of others they would email Staff member Westover. They suggested contacting all committees and making sure that there weren't duplicate efforts.

Old Business/Other Business

Board member Nimmer announced that he would not be re-applying for another term. He has served two full terms and thought it would be good to open the position up to others in the community. He offered to serve if there was trouble filling the vacancy and will help with maps.

Staff member Westover noted that she would not be able to attend the July 1st meeting, and the Board could meet at a public location and take minutes or reschedule the date. The Board discussed that there wasn't much time to prepare for the July 16th budget session with City Council if the meeting was rescheduled. The Board agreed to email their preferences to staff and she could schedule it accordingly.

Board member Nimmer moved, seconded by Board member Lloyd, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

ATTEST:	CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO
Karen Westover, Liaison	Rebecca Schwendler, Chair
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