Lafayette Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes 1290 S. Public Road

November 4, 2013

### Present:

Rebecca Schwendler
Saundra Dowling
Jessica Lowery
Eric Twitty
Bob Jencks
Christine Berg, City Council Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison
Jeff Moline, City Open Space Superintendent

## 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 October 7, 2013 Meeting

Board member Dowling moved to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes, seconded by Board member Lowery. Motion passed unanimously.

# **Topics For Discussion**

# 10021 W Baseline Road Discuss Options

Staff member Westover reported that the applicant had sent an email indicating that they were still working on the family history tribute and would be prepared at the January meeting with specific ideas.

# Rail Road Bridge Pilings on Coal Creek

Jeff Moline, Open Space Superintendent, explained how the floods had washed out the trail near the railroad pilings and in order to restore the trail, the trail would need to be moved to the north side of the railroad pilings. Mr. Moline showed photos of the area between the pilings and the detention pond to the north. The trail corridor needed to be 14 feet in width and have a two foot clearance from the pilings. This design would require the removal of two of the four pilings. The Board discussed various options including narrowing the trail,

including relocating the two pilings to the south to retain the existing number of pilings. In all cases, the Board recommended to mitigate the impact, a large interpretive sign be installed for trail users to understand what the pilings represent.

Mr. Moline stated he would take those ideas to the risk management personnel and the department and report back. The Board requested that they be a consulting party and review the final plan.

# Interview Historic Preservation Board Candidate – Anthony Viers Chair Schwendler gave an overview of the Board's duties and programs. The Board asked Mr. Viers a range of questions. Mr. Viers responded that Lafayette has a good story that needs to be told. He believes there is a balance between property rights and preservation and decisions need to be made for the community as a whole. Mr. Viers also suggested the railroad pilings that may

need to be removed could be replaced with plates or medallions within the trail to show exact location and a description.

Board member Lowery moved to recommend the City Council appoint Anthony Viers to fill the regular member Board position vacated by Board member Twitty, seconded by Board member Jencks, motion passed unanimously.

# **Plans for Salvaged Materials**

Board member Jencks reported that he inspected the tin ceiling and wall panels and the doors and windows that had been salvaged. He recommended the tin be donated to a project that could use volunteers to re-install the material. The doors and windows could be used as part of an art project and a fund raising event. The Board discussed the objective of salvaging the materials. Staff member Westover stated that there was interest to reuse the tin material in a commercial project that could be visible to the public. The Board asked if the City Adminstrator, Gary Klaphake could attend the January meeting and agreed to continue the discussion then.

# **Old Town Design Guidelines**

The Board described how they wanted to identify three or five design requirements for new construction or addition in Old Town that could be adopted as code. The Board discussed setbacks, scale of the front of the building and building materials. It was suggested that the Board get community feedback on their proposal before making a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council. The Board discussed developing a questionnaire and canvassing the neighborhood for feedback. Board member Lowery offered to draft a questionnaire for the Board to review.

# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Board discussed walking tours and a cemetery tour and creating QR cards to get information about a certain building or create an audio recording. The Board also discussed reenactments and traditional recipes and canning contest. Board member Schwendler offered to identify some structures that could be on a tour and see what information was already available.

### **Public Comments**

Staff member Westover reported that the budget includes \$3,000 for public education / outreach. The Board asked that Public Outreach be placed on the January agenda as a discussion topic. Board member Schwendler announced that LOTA has a \$500.00 grant program available to Old Town residents to complete house or yard improvements. An application can be found on the LOTA website, <a href="http://www.oldtownlafayette.com/residential-resources/grant-opportunites.html">http://www.oldtownlafayette.com/residential-resources/grant-opportunites.html</a>. The deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup> so if any member knows someone who could use this grant please pass the word.

# Adjourn

Board member Jencks moved, seconded by Board member Twitty, 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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