

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
1290 S. Public Road

May 5, 2014

Present:

Saundra Dowling
Anthony Viers
Jessica Lowery
Peter Mathews
Alison Fischer
Alexandra Lynch, City Council Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison

Call to Order

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

Old Business/Other Business

The Board asked to have the letter to Post Brewery emailed to them.
No members were available to attend the Broomfield/Boulder Counties Historic Preservation Forum.

Items from the Public

None.

Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Meeting

Board member Lowery moved to approve the April 7, 2014 minutes, seconded by Board member Mathews. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of East Simpson Street Results.

Natalie Feinberg Lopez, Principal of Built Environment Evolutions, presented the background of Simpson Street and the findings of the survey. Ms. Lopez identified 28 of the 31 properties surveyed as eligible for the local register, 14 properties eligible for the State Register and 12 properties eligible for the National register. She recommended some of the next steps would be to recognize the importance of what remains, make a plan, and develop design guidelines for Simpson Street.

The Board discussed reconstruction of new building and authenticity of the existing buildings.

Amendment to Section 47-2 Definitions Adding Demolition Definition.

Board member Lowery stated that due to her employment, she was unable to participate in the discussion and voting on this item and left the room. Staff member Westover presented the proposed code amendment and noted that the under the wall standards, the word "not" should be added to B) so that a wall shall not be covered or concealed by a wall that is proposed to be placed in front of the retained wall. The Board discussed whether to wait until next month when more Board members were in attendance before making a recommendation to the City Council. Board member Viers moved to table this item until next month, seconded by Board member Fischer. The Board discussed further the urgency of having a definition, the busy building season and that it would be June 17th before the City Council could consider the amendment. Those in favor of the motion were 0 and 4 members against. The motion failed. Board member Viers moved to recommend the City Council adopt the proposed definition of demolition seconded by Board member Mathews. The Board discussed that the proposal includes the removal of any wall that fronts onto a public street was considered a demolition and how the Board could continue to refine the definition and/or process and make further recommendations in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

125th Anniversary/Public Outreach

The Board agreed that they would not be ready for the May Art Night Out booth and needed to decide at the next meeting exactly what the Board wanted to do. The Board discussed finalizing the dates of the home walking tour, the cemetery walking tour and clarifying what type of walking tour the Board wanted to prepare. Board member Dowling prepared a landmark walking tour brochure that could be used for the 125th celebration.

The Board reviewed the following projects and assignments:

- HPB Logo

The Board agreed to use the Logo that Board member Dowling designed until another logo was adopted.

- Walking Tour Brochure

Board member Dowling completed the Landmark Walking Tour brochure and suggested a large print be available at the HPB booth.

- Exterior Walking Tour

The Board discussed whether this was a tour in addition to the Landmark tour and if there would be a print out of another tour.

- Miners Lantern Craft Project

Board member Dowling said she would prepare a cost estimate.

- Cemetery Tour

The Board wanted to confirm that the Historical Society was still interested in doing the tour on September 20th.

- Do It Yourself Seminar-Board member Jencks
- Marketing- Board member Viers

The Board discussed developing a flyer advertising the 125th with tours as soon as possible, and providing post it notes at the 125th Celebration booth for people to provide stories and mark their home location. The Board discussed the idea of printing book marks with some historical stories on the back and advertising the 125th celebration on the front.

2014 Budget

The Board agreed to review the original 2014 budget request and to table the 2014 budget discussion until next meeting.

Old Town Design Guidelines

The Board discussed the need to keep this item on the agenda. The Board agreed that in order to prepare to discuss this item on the next agenda each member should address the following:

1. What is the problem that is to be solved?
2. What is the objective of Design Guidelines?
3. Should Design Guidelines apply to just new buildings and/or addition?
4. Is it worth investigating historic districts?

Demolition by Neglect City Council Workshop

Staff member Westover noted that she would send the Board an email with the dates for a joint meeting.

Board Reports

None.

Public Comments

None.

Adjourn

Board member Lowery moved, seconded by Board member Viers, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Sandra Dowling, Acting Chair
Historic Preservation Board