

Lafayette Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
Starkey Building 307 S. Public Road

October 1, 2012

Present:

Rebecca Schwendler
Emmy Brouillette
Nick Nimmer
Karen Lloyd
Christine Berg, Council Liaison
Van Wilgus, Planning Commission Liaison
Karen Westover, Staff Liaison
Fred Cooper
Shirley Perry

Call to Order

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

Items from the Public

None

Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Meeting

Board member Brouillette moved to approve the September 10, 2012 minutes, seconded by Board member Nimmer. Motion passed unanimously.

Topics For Discussion

Interpretive Sign For Peterson's Farm

The Board reviewed the final version for the Peterson's Farm sign at the Affinity development on Baseline Road. Board member Nimmer moved to approve the wording for the sign, seconded by Board member Lloyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Options for 305-307 East Simpson Street

Shirley Perry, 303 East Simpson Street, spoke with the Board about how she understands why the owners want to demolish the building because it attracts animals and vandalism but that she would like to see if the building can be restored. Ms. Perry noted that if the building is demolished she will be the recipient of any mice or other animals currently in the building.

The Board discussed whether a local architect would be interested in taking on the restoration project for buildings, the idea of a photo contest to bring attention to the property as well as document the buildings, preserving materials and landmarking the buildings.

Board member Brouillette moved to invite the property owner to the next meeting to discuss options, seconded by Board member Lloyd. The motion passed unanimously.

Property Neglect Discussion

The Board discussed the recent demolition permits and the poor condition of the buildings. The Board talked about different ways to help protect historic buildings that were not receiving proper maintenance. In preparation of the upcoming workshop with the City Council the Board developed the following outline of what to cover at the meeting.

- a) The two recent demolition permit examples.
- b) The need for something different.
- c) What the Historic Preservation Board does. What the Board's role is supposed to be and what it has become.
- d) Innovative Solutions.

Update on Eligible Property Owner Contacts

The Board requested the email outlining which property owners to contact be sent out.

Landmark Nomination Application Review

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

Landmark Property Owners Celebration

The Board supported the idea of hosting a celebration for all the landmarked property owners and felt that scheduling the celebration early next year would be a good time since there will be funds in the budget.

Landmark Criteria Review

Staff member Westover noted that this was placed on the agenda for the Board to review and understand what each criteria meant since there has been much discussion regarding the criteria with the recent demolition permits and landmarking nomination.

Old Business/Other Business

Staff member Westover asked the Board to authorize the remaining \$3,035 of the Preservation fund account to be used towards the Simpson Street Survey if the grant is awarded. The Board agreed to use the funds as a cash match for the survey grant.

The Board asked about maintenance for the Mary Miller Theater and requested it be placed as a topic on the next month's agenda.

It was noted that the Historic Home Tour will be held on Saturday December 8th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Board member Brouillette moved, second by Board member Lloyd, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Karen Westover, Liaison
Historic Preservation Board

Rebecca Schwendler, Chair
Historic Preservation Board