

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Proceedings

January 20, 2020

1001 11th Avenue City Council Chambers, City Center South 4:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioners DePetro, Gifford, McLean and Brunswig were present. (Commissioner Sattler was absent, one vacant position.)

II. Approval of Minutes for the meeting held on December 16, 2019

Commissioner Brunswig moved to approve the minutes for December 16, 2019. Commissioner McLean seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner Sattler was absent, one vacant position.)

III. Public Input

Rebecca Brunswig, 1700 Montview Blvd., addressed the Commission on behalf of Historic Greeley, Inc. She reported progress on the Bessie Smith House, commented that they anticipate completion of the roof in April 2020 and informed the Commission of upcoming design review.

IV. Meeting Day, Time and Location Designation

Commissioner DePetro made a motion that the Commission meetings during 2020 will take place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Center South, 1001 11th Avenue, except in the event of cancellation due to holidays, attendance at conferences, and/or having no agenda items. Commissioner Gifford seconded. The motion carried 5-0. (Commissioner Sattler was absent, one vacant position.)

V. Resolution Commending Sandra Scott for Her Service on the City of Greeley Historic Preservation Commission

Commission presented a resolution of thanks to Sandra Scott for her time served on the Historic Preservation Commission. Sandra Scott addressed the Commission and expressed her gratitude.

VI. Resolution Commending Sue Anschutz for Her Service on the City of Greeley Historic Preservation Commission

Commission presented a resolution of thanks to Sue Anschutz for her time served on the Historic Preservation Commission. Sue Anschutz addressed the Commission and expressed her gratitude.

VII. Resolution Commending Tanis Bator for Her Service on the City of Greeley Historic Preservation Commission

Commission presented a resolution of thanks to Tanis Bator for her time served on the Historic Preservation Commission. Tanis Bator addressed the Commission and expressed her gratitude.

VIII. Historic Preservation Month Event Planning and Awards

Ms. Kellums gave a brief history of Historic Preservation Month to the Commission. This year marks the 150-year anniversary of the founding of Greeley and Ms. Kellums suggested an early start in planning to team up with concurrent events. Commissioner Brunswig asked if anyone had any information of the anniversary celebrations currently planned. Ms. Kellums mentioned the City Council reunion event that will take place on April 6. No other events are currently planned in May.

Commissioner McLean asked if Ms. Kellums received an update regarding the water book (Greeley Water Past, Present, and Future, by Harold Evans). Ms. Kellums explained the water book outlines the history of Greeley water, which will come out in June and mentioned the best way to find out further information is to attend the History Brown Bag in February.

Commissioner Thompson stated that a couple of years ago she met with Mr. & Mrs. Brunswig and discussed possibly collaborating with Historic Greeley, Inc. for the Historic Preservation Month event. Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Brunswig agreed to form a committee to work on the planning of a Historic Preservation month event. Commissioner Brunswig added that the City of Greeley Museums might want to be part of the committee. Ms. Kellums stated that Peggy from the City of Greeley Museums is a presenter in May for the History Brown Bag.

IX. Commission Member Reports

None

X. Staff Reports

Ms. Kellums updated the Commission on the district designation plan for the Monroe Avenue Historic District. She reported that she drafted some suggested changes to the design guidelines that stemmed from the walk of the district the Commission participated in back in September 2019. On December 5, 2019, she hosted a neighborhood meeting and one property owner showed up who did not express any concerns regarding the changes. Citizens expressed concerns related to if it had to go to council, it could open up an assortment of concerns regarding other potential changes to the guidelines. In mid-April, Ms. Kellums will be presenting to City Council to reintroduce Historic Preservation and provide an update.

Commissioner Brunswig made a comment that the Commission needs to be aware of development along 8th Avenue and whether things will slide over into the Monroe District.

Ms. Kellums reported that she has not heard back regarding the Survey Plan Grant application that she submitted in December 2019. The State Historic Fund Grant Program has a non-competitive grant specifically for survey plans for up to \$15,000.

The Saving Places Conference will take place January 29 –February 1. Ms. Kellums will attend the conference. She outlined the cost and events taking place at the conference. Commissioner Brunswig expressed that he will be attending the full conference and will be a presenter for the session on Dearfield African American Townsite and they will be discussing media and historic resources. Commissioner Brunswig expressed that the site is almost at a "saved" status due largely to media coverage.

Ms. Kellums gave an update on 814 19th Street windows. She expressed that Historic Greeley Inc. is working with the sorority to repair the windows, restore them and put them back in as well as replace the one that the sorority lost. She stated that the sorority does not have any plans to come back to Commission.

Ms. Kellums brought ideas to the Commission regarding goals for 2020. She mentioned the walking tours would continue this year. Ms. Kellums recapped the survey project that the Commission has been working on as a goal in prior years and explained how the neighborhood surveys help to identify the distinguishing features of a neighborhood. Ms. Kellums requested that the Commission think about goals for 2020. Commissioner Thompson expressed how impressed she is with the Loveland publicity material presented to the Commission. She suggested a goal to create something similar for the City of Greeley Historic Preservation Commission. She also mentioned creating an Instagram page and hashtag slogans that may be used by residents of historic properties in the City of Greeley to highlight homes. Commissioner Thompson mentioned creating an official google map that would have a self-guided tour of historic properties in a specific area in the City of Greeley.

Commissioner McLean commented that when he attended the Certified Local Government

forum in October, he participated in a walking tour in downtown Longmont. He mentioned there was a website that you could go to on the tour where it would track where you were and have information on each historic property. Anyone can walk the town and find out information about the buildings. The online tours are offered in English and Spanish. Ms. Kellums explained that she would work to contact the planner in Longmont who was instrumental in the creation of the website for further information. Ms. Kellums explained that she has had a conversation with that planner regarding the 150th anniversary of the City of Greeley and Historic Preservation Month because the City of Longmont also started out as a colony and Ms. Kellums hopes to collaborate with her on an event.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Elizabeth Kellums, Secretary

Margaret Thompson, Chain