



**500 S. 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601**

**MINUTES of the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission meeting for the City of Brighton, Adams County, Colorado, Brighton, Colorado held a Virtual Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513441341>**

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**DATE: March 11, 2021**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Sara Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. followed by the recital of the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Commissioners Present:** Sara Dawson, Mardita Murphy, Sage Naumann, Jo Pinto, Mark Humbert, Ann Taddeo and Diana Hernandez

**Commissioners Absent: (Excused)** Dick Hodge, Catherine Johnson **(Unexcused)**

**Staff Present:** Brianne Schreck, Holly Prather and Sheryl Johnson

**Others Present:**

**Seating of Alternates:**

There were no alternates to seat.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Humbert. Second by Commissioner Pinto. Motion Carries.

**Approval of Minutes for February 11, 2021:**

Motion to approve the minutes for February 11, 2021 as distributed by Commissioner Pinto. Second by Commissioner Humbert. Motion Carries.

**Consent Agenda:**

No Consent Agenda Items

**Public Comment:**

None

**Reports / Presentations:**

None

**Committees**

There were no reports from the committees.

**Staff – Brianne Schreck**

***MUSEUM UPDATES:***

- The museum will continue accepting reservations when Ms. Schreck returns from leave.
- There were no new accessions. Ms. Schreck has some volunteers interested in helping with the re-cataloging when she returns from leave.

- The oral histories are still being transcribed. Ms. Schreck is working on some clips for the PIO Communications to share while she is on leave. Commissioners are to vote on the name that they want for the series. The name will be finalized next week.
- Rocky Mountain PBS will air the Buddhist Church on May 6<sup>th</sup>. They are still looking for some photos and Ms. Schreck has been helping them the last couple of weeks. She also gave them the names of some other organizations that may be able to help. Chair Dawson said that Nathan from Big Choice wanted to know when PBS would be back out as they wanted to take more shots in the Buddhist Church. Ms. Schreck will get a contact name for Chair Dawson.
- Ms. Schreck has moved the museum around. Her husband and Commissioner Naumann's wife, Sara helped her. The museum will be ready to open when Ms. Schreck returns. Things are organized nicely now.
- AASLH StEP's Update – Ms. Schreck stated that she is moving along on the StEP's and is working on the management side. She will have items that will need to be reviewed and suggestions made on them when she returns. She will need approval from the Commission as this is our first certification.  
The steps are as follows:
  - 1) Visioning & Governance – follow City ethics and guidelines
  - 2) Audience – Outreach / Community Relations
  - 3) Interpretation – exhibits, programming and publications
  - 4) Stewardship of Collections – Focus on collections next year. This will be where objects are stored, space for backlogs, digital collections, research and housing of objects.
  - 5) Stewardships of Structures and Buildings – documentation of structures and buildings and the work that we do as a CLG.
  - 6) Management – This is how the collections are kept safe, clean and coded. Job performance of the staff.
- Museum visitor's year to date totals 127 as of the end of February 2021. Attendance has still been good and hopefully it will pick up in the summer. The museum will have an exhibit or something to coincide with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in September.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### ***2020 Budget***

The final expenses for 2020 were presented.

#### ***2021 Budget***

Another grant payment is in the process of being paid. Expenses are slower in being processed especially if they are purchases made on a pcard.

#### ***Follow Up from the February Meeting***

Ms. Holly Prather presented information on the Gallagher Tax. So far, the impact to the City has not been noticeable. The market value in homes has increased. It is possible that we could see more of a difference next year. The BURA Executive Director checked with their attorney and responded to Ms. Prather about the tax. Basically, they stated that a brochure that CML put out about Amendment B described it best (see below):

#### **Amendment B — Gallagher Repeal**

Amendment B repeals provisions related to the residential and nonresidential assessment rates from the state constitution, including the provisions commonly referred to as the Gallagher Amendment. The Gallagher Amendment requires that residential and nonresidential property make up unvarying proportions of total statewide taxable property over time. Specifically, it requires that the assessed value of residential property make up 45% of statewide taxable property with the remaining 55% derived from nonresidential property. The Gallagher Amendment also requires the assessed value of nonresidential property to remain fixed at 29%.

Over time, without this measure, the residential assessment rate is projected to continue to fall due to the relative growth of residential versus nonresidential assessment rates. A stabilized assessment rate for residential property will result in higher property tax revenue for local governments in many locations in Colorado, including municipalities, counties, school districts and special districts.

The CML Executive Board voted to support Amendment B because it will resolve conflicts in the Colorado Constitution, provide additional flexibility to lawmakers and help to stabilize local property revenues over time.

This would be a win for local governments. BURA may not see a direct impact from this Amendment.

### **New Business:**

### ***May is Preservation Month***

Ms. Prather will prepare a Proclamation for City Council recognizing May as Preservation Month on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Chair Dawson will not be able to be at the meeting so if someone else would like to accept the proclamation, let Chair Dawson know.

### ***Brick Award Nominations***

Any nominations that the Commissioners have, they should send them to Ms. Prather or Chair Dawson. The nominations are due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. Chair Dawson will send out the nomination form. Last year the nominees got a plaque and not a brick.

### ***Status on Kuner Row Historic Properties Survey***

The draft deliverables are done and have been sent to the City and History Colorado. Ms. Erica Duvic will review them for the State. Forms were completed on all 15 properties. Holly has been in contact with Ms. Duvic and Mr. Carl McWilliams from Cultural Resource Historians. Commissioners can review the draft forms and make comments by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Duvic has 30 days to review the forms so that Mr. McWilliams can make the final changes. Mr. McWilliams will present at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. We can start submitting the grant information to the State for repayment or we can wait until it is completed and submit everything at once. The public offering will be the presentation at our meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be sent out announcing the presentation at the meeting.

### ***Elect Officers***

This will be put on the April agenda as all Commissioners need to be present to do the officer elections.

### **Additional Comments:**

The position for the Historic Preservation Planner closes on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Humbert will send Ms. Schreck some Armory information to her.

Chair Dawson and Commissioner Murphy will serve on the COA committee. There is a building on Main Street in the Historic District that wants to make a change that requires a COA. If there is anyone else that would like to serve on the committee, let Chair Dawson know.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. by Chair Dawson.

### **Announcements:**

CLG Training Webinars –

- Women’s Suffrage Movement – April 21, 2021 – 11:00 am
- Preservation Advocacy – May 19, 2021 – 11:00 am

### **Next Meeting:**

April 8, 2021

Submitted by,

Sheryl Johnson