



500 S. 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

MINUTES of the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission meeting for the City of Brighton, Adams County, Colorado, held in Council Chambers on the 1st Floor at City Hall, 500 South 4th Avenue, Brighton, Colorado.

DATE: June 9, 2022

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Sara Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. followed by the recital of the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Commissioners Present: Sara Dawson, Dick Hodge, Mardita Murphy, Sage Naumann, Jo Pinto and Ann Taddeo

Commissioners Absent: (Excused) Diana Hernandez & Alijah Anaya **(Unexcused)** Catherine Johnson
A quorum was determined.

Staff Present: Emma Lane, Bill Armstrong, Shannon McDowell and Sheryl Johnson

Others Present: Rachel Hemmingsen, Valerie Cooper, Cameron Weishoff, Sean Fallon, Wayne and Brenda Scott

Seating of Alternates:

No alternate to seat

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Naumann. Second by Commissioner Pinto. Motion Carries.

Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2022:

Motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2022 as distributed by Commissioner Naumann. Second by Commissioner Hodge. Motion Carries.

Consent Agenda:

No Consent Agenda Items

Public Comment:

None

Reports / Presentations:

Walnut Grove Presentation by Pinyon Environment -

Sean Fallon – Project Manager/Historian and Cameron Weishoff – Field Historian

Mr. Fallon gave a high-level overview of the project. There were 175 properties that are mostly homes that were reviewed. Some might qualify for a Reconnaissance Survey and could be placed on the National Register of Historic places. The area is south of Bridge Street, north of Southern Street, west of 4th Avenue and east of 2nd Avenue. The criteria for the evaluation is that the properties have to be older than 50 years. It is possible that this could be made a historic district. The area was mapped out. They used cell phones to take pictures of the properties from the public ROW. High, medium and low were assigned to the properties based on the National Register of Historic Properties. A desktop review and archival research of the properties was conducted. Some of the research was done at the museum. There are 152 properties that met the threshold with 19 of the properties assessment being high enough for National Register potential. Four properties have had previous evaluations done but no official determinations of eligibility. The whole Walnut Grove District is possible for a National Historic District. The properties were looked at by construction styles with the minimal traditional being the most popular. The Craftsman Bungalow is the second most popular. The early twentieth century vernacular was the third most popular. The 19 properties targeted should have an intensive evaluation. The homes are from a period of significance of 1900 – 1930. The 19 properties are all homes. There were

significant people that lived in the homes in this area. The most prominent being Daniel Carmichael. Walnut Grove was platted in 1887. Carmichael bought 720 acres from Union Pacific and in the late 1800s began selling plots of land for the homes. A map from 1893 was helpful with the survey. Some of the homes are Four Square houses. The Eaton house is on Bush Street.

Committees

No Committee Reports

Staff – Emma Lane

Grants & Surveys:

Walnut Grove Addition Survey:

Pinyon Environment gave a presentation earlier on this.

Pioneer Cemetery:

Staff is working on quotes for the property. They have talked about ways to promote. Mr. Knapfel is still working on the nomination for the cemetery.

Historic Properties and Referrals:

Brighton Depot:

Natalie at the Chamber of Commerce has a couple of quotes for the sign but is still waiting on some other ones. The information will be presented to the Commission once all of the quotes have been compiled.

Museum Updates:

Collection:

The staff is working on the collections. They have some more volunteers bringing the total to four. The staff started moving items from the 3rd floor vault to the 2nd floor across the hall from the museum. Mr. Knapfel will need to be replaced on the Collections Committee.

Visitors/Attendance:

Engagement & Marketing –

There have been 79 visitors to the museum with most of them being adults and seniors.

Research Requests –

There were 12 requests for research with most of them coming in electronically.

Facebook/Instagram –

There were eight posts for the museum. There have been 25. Posts have been scheduled for Wednesday's at 12:00 MST.

Summer Hours –

There were six visitors last Saturday. This coming Saturday will be a lawn event on Trappers & Traders. On August 13, the event will be on the Armory Military Timeline. On Saturday's, they have been using the reception area.

Volunteers –

Robin will give a tour of Historic City Hall. There were three new volunteers this month. The volunteers will help man the reception area on Saturday's. Commissioner Pinto asked if the posts could be shared.

Exhibit & Interpretation/Outreach/Education –

Two more oral histories have been found. The Armory exhibit will include biographical information. The scanner has been fixed.

Funding –

Donations have not been very good. Staff may try moving the box.

Marketing –

No Update

Expansion –

Permission was obtained to move into room 205. There will be a rotating exhibit gallery.

Purchases –

No update.

Other Business –

Mr. Armstrong will be going to a conference in Washington.

Commissioner Workshops/Seminars Update:

Commissioner Murphy participated in a workshop a couple of months ago. She will send the information to Ms. Lane.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business:

Interview for Commissioner

An interview was conducted by the Commission for term renewal for Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Murphy's term will end at the end of June. The Commission asked Ms. Murphy some questions. Upon examination and discussion, the Commission made a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Pinto to recommend Mardita Murphy to be reappointed to the Commission. Second by Commissioner Hodge. Motion Carries. The recommendation will move on to City Council for approval.

New Canopy

The Commission would like to purchase a canopy with logo and name on it. The tent would be a 10' x 10' compact tent that will be easy to carry and move. They would like to the tent to have a two-sided back wall with a print logo on one side. The top of the tent will have the logo on all four sides. It was suggested to get some local quotes as well as the one Chair Dawson got from 4 Imprint. Weights for the tent would also need to be purchased.

Motion by Commissioner Naumann to purchase a full color canopy with a full color wall up to \$2,500 with Events Committee making the final decision. Second by Commissioner by Hodge. Motion Carries.

Gala Debrief

Commission felt it went pretty well with pulling it together in about two months. Commissioner Hodge stated that if felt more like an awards banquet rather than a gala. There had been music and dancing at prior events. Twelve tables were set up for the event. Ticket sales were \$1,320 and the silent action brought in \$955. Sponsorships brought in \$3,250. So far, the expenses totaled \$4,162. If the event were to continue in May, it should not be the last weekend in May. Mr. Armstrong would like to recognize the volunteers at the event. The food was good. The leftover food was taken to the Police Department and Almost Home. The Porch helped with the centerpieces. Commissioner Naumann stated that planning for the event needed to start earlier next year. It was also discussed that the event needed to be held at a Historic Building in Brighton.

Cancel July Meeting

Ms. McDowell will be out town and there will be a Planning Commission Meeting the same night as the Historic Preservation meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Hodge to cancel the July Meeting. Second by Commissioner Pinto. Motion Carries.

Project Updates/Questions

Ms. Lane would like for there to be two more property presentations at the August meeting. She would also like to have a nomination by the end of the year on one of the properties. Ms. Lane will put the research guides and documentation on the Google Drive. Commissioner Naumann is moving forward with his property. If Walnut Grove were to become a Historic District, his home would be included in the district as well. He will move forward with nominating his house. Ms. Lane will send out the information on the 19 properties in Walnut Grove that may qualify for the National Register.

Additional Comments:

Chair Dawson is not going to reapply for appointment to the Commission. This will be her last meeting but she will be helping with the 50s Rock-A- Billie's event. There needs to be a volunteer to clean up and tear down. Chair Dawson suggested that the quarterly meetings with the Youth Commission continue. The next meeting is on June 27 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. by Chair Dawson.

Announcements:

CLG Training Webinars –

Other Events –

- Rock-A-Billy – June 18, 2022 – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Downtown Brighton
- City BBQ – July 21, 2022 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Carmichael Park
- CPI Saving Places “On-the-Road: in San Luis, Colorado” – August 5 – 6, 2022, San Luis Valley

Next Meeting:

August 11, 2022

Submitted by,

Sheryl Johnson