

LAMAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD WORKING NOTES
LAMAR CITY COMPLEX, LAMAR, COLORADO
March 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jacob Peterson at 7:06am.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Board members attending were: Jennifer Mortimeyer via phone; Jacob Peterson; Galan Burnett; Stephanie Gonzales; City liaison, Anne-Marie Crampton; and City staff member, Joy Dashner. Community/press member, Mike Duffy, was present. Trevor LaCost was absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stephanie Gonzales made motion to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes, and Jacob seconded. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 2024 Trainings/Conferences
 - Anne-Marie encouraged the board to attend the Colorado Heritage for All Webinar on 3/20 for more details on what Lamar area sites might qualify and the process to apply. She will send a link to the recording.
 - Other trainings as listed on the handout, including Defensible Decision-Making and Ethics for Commission Members. And CLGs & Colorado Main Street. Lamar is currently a Graduate Main Street Community.
 - Anne-Marie reminded Stephanie and Trevor that their summaries from the Saving Places Conference are due on 4/5.
- Colorado Heritage for All – State will contact us to start discussions on our potential sites among other ideas are:
 - Big Timbers – the oldest known photograph (Daguerreotype) of an Indian encampment was taken at Big Timbers along the Arkansas River. The exact location on Big Timbers is under debate.
 - La Colonia – migrant housing for sugar beet industry workers while general borders are generally known, the exact ones need to be confirmed.
- **Priorities** – The Board has identified the following ongoing priorities:
 - Main Café –Still waiting on final asbestos inspection report. He is coming back down to the Main Café to take more samples. There is an asbestos spill

on the first floor of the Main Café building. The notice is posted inside the front door. The spill has to be mitigated first, potentially with a CDPHE 1306 asbestos abatement grant. The City is anticipating that it can apply for grants for the spill and removal throughout the first floor. It will know the extent of the asbestos contamination when reports come in at the end of the month. The current EPA Brownfield grant is for assessment and redesign, not for asbestos mitigation.

- The City is negotiating with the owners of Home & Season to demolish one or both of the warehouses to the west (111A and 111B W Beech St) in exchange for ownership of the second floor of the south portion of the Home & Season building. The City has paid for structural assessments and asbestos inspections on the buildings. One or both will be demolished to create more parking for the Main Café and downtown businesses. One of the two warehouses is structurally sound and can be saved. The Rhoades' may want to keep the sound warehouse for storage, but they need to replace the roof soon. With the demolition of the larger warehouse, there will be significantly more space for off street parking. Both warehouses have asbestos spills.
- Caretaker's House at Willow Creek Park - No report. The Board discussed the fact that the roof and walls need to be replaced or fixed. Need to ask for the Caretaker's House to be added to the the Parks and Rec master plan priorities to potentially access GOCO grant funds. Once it is restored, the Caretaker's house could be used for meetings and community as well as office space.
- Pike's Tower is starting to need significant work. The Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail Association is lobbying for federal designation on the routes that Zebulon Pike took on his excursions, including the one to the Rocky Mountains. If this happens, Pike's Tower could be a significant feature. The Board agreed to keep Pike's Tower on the ongoing agenda for future updates. Anne-Marie has not heard from the ZPNHTA President.

6. NEW BUSINESS – N/A

7. MISCELLANEOUS – The Board agreed to resume formal quarterly meetings after April 16, 2024, with the understanding that informal meetings will be scheduled if necessary. Anne-Marie can email the board with periodic updates and educational opportunities.

8. NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

The next meeting will be on **April 16, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room at the Lamar City Complex.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned 8:06 am