

LAMAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES
LAMAR CITY COMPLEX, LAMAR, COLORADO
July 16, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order Jennifer Mortimeyer at 7:09 am.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Board members attending were: Jennifer Mortimeyer; Jacob Peterson; Galan Burnett; City liaison Anne-Marie Crampton; and City staff member, Joy Dashner. Community member Ernie Monette, and History Colorado Engagement Specialist Winter Roybal (on the phone). Stephanie Gonzales and Trevor LaCost were absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Before the approval of the minutes, Galan had a question about getting in contact with Harv Hiisgen in regards to Pike's tower. There have been no responses from Harv; Anne-Marie will try to get into contact with someone else.

Jacob made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024 meeting minutes, and Galan seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – Ernie Monette was in attendance to discuss his home at 303 S 1st Street in Lamar. He will be applying to add it to the local historical register. The house was built in 1898 by the St. George Creaghe family. The house was built in the Bent addition as an “Elegant Home.” The family moved into their new home in August, 1899. Ernie plans to restore the outside, the gables and trim. The inside is pretty well preserved as it was. Anne-Marie provided information and some current photos of the home. They will work together to complete the application.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 2024 Trainings/Conferences
 - A Sugar Beet History of Colorado webinar is scheduled for July 24, 2024 at 12:00 pm. Galan and Anne-Marie will attend the webinar.
 - The BMS Truss plant on north Main is connected to the sugar beet history of our area. Andy Curry is wanting to start manufacturing tiny homes from there. He is not planning to make major modifications on the building to lose its historical value.
 - The next Saving Places on the Road conference will be in Steamboat Springs.
 - The Walking Tour brochures were given to the Welcome Center. Anne-Marie has started a level of updates for the brochure. Building Official Stephanie Strube and Anne-Marie are planning to take the walking tour themselves to see if there is

anything to update on the brochure. There was one or more buildings that Anne-Marie thought might be added to the brochure.

- **Priorities –**

- Main Café - No new information. CDPHE requested the city's application by the end of May, so they could prepare to fund it on July 1. Anne-Marie still has not heard anything from CDPHE.
- Willow Creek Park - The city is going to be starting the Parks & Rec master plan this fall. Community feedback will identify priorities for improvements with grant funds. Restoration of Willow Creek Park wouldn't necessarily be a priority in the plan without citizens' input.

6. **NEW BUSINESS –**

- Applications for the 6-1-2024 to 5-31-2027 Board seat. With Jennifer recusing herself, there was no quorum to vote. Jennifer's term ended May 31, 2024. Motion to table applications by Jacob and seconded by Galan.
- New History Colorado Regional Rep. Winter Roybal is the new Engagement Specialist for History Colorado/State Historical Fund. Her territory includes Eastern Colorado and the San Luis Valley. In addition to introducing herself, she mentioned a new round of State Historical Fund grants and explained the Colorado Heritage for All (CHA) initiative, Colorado's effort to identify 150 new historic sites that highlight diverse populations by 2026. That will be Colorado's 150th anniversary of statehood and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. These populations include communities of color, women and other underrepresented communities. History Colorado has been in the area recently to look at historic properties in La Junta, Las Animas, and Springfield. They are planning to come back in September. The plan is for them to return the week of 9/16 or 9/23 to hold a community outreach meeting and visit area historical properties. The next SHF grant application will open on August 1.
 - Anne-Marie suggested that "The Lassie" clothing store could be a candidate as a CHA site. It was run by Beverly Augustine for 75 years. With the exception of removing merchandise, the building has been left intact since Beverly passed away in 2022. Beverly started the business with another lady and later became the sole owner. She came out here on a train from Michigan and stayed because she married a local rancher. Beverly had a significant role in our business community.
 - HP Board priorities: The board explained Main Café and Pike's Tower as two of our priorities. They both need maintenance and/or restoration.

- Discussion on September HC outreach visit dates in September the weeks of 9/16 or 9/23. The Board recommended a Thursday evening meeting and then members can show them sites the following day. Anne-Marie will work with Winter to pick dates and Big Timbers Museum to host the outreach meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS – None.

8. NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

The Board recommended scheduling a special meeting on August 13, 2024 at 7:00 am in the Conference Room at the Lamar City Complex to vote on HP Board candidates. The next regular meeting will be on October 15, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Jacob adjourned meeting adjourned 8:01 am.