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DATE: July 9, 2020

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, Catherine Johnson, Mardita Murphy, Sage Naumann, Jo Pinto, Mark Humbert and Ann Taddeo

Commissioners Absent: (Excused) (Unexcused)

Staff Present: Kim Bauer, Brianne Schreck and Sheryl Johnson

Others Present: Paula

Seating of Alternates:

There were no alternates to seat.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2020:

Motion to approve the minutes for June 11, 2020 as distributed. Motion by Commissioner Hodge. Second by Commissioner Pinto. Motion Carries.

Consent Agenda:

No Consent Agenda Items

Public Comment:

None

Reports / Presentations:

None

Committees

There were no reports from the committees.

Staff - Kim Bauer

GRANTS & SURVEYS:

Kuner Row Properties Survey Grant – The Kuner Row Properties Survey Grant is underway. This is 15 homes between Longs Peak and Brighton that will be surveyed by the consultant, Cultural Resource Historians, LLC. They

have been notified that they were selected to do the survey. The next step will be a meeting between the Historic Preservation staff, Cultural Resource Historians and History Colorado. Staff has been working with Finance and the project was budgeted for and are working to get all of the documents in place to start taking in invoices. The area is east of the railroad tracks and the survey will be home by home and will document who lived there and how long. Research and talking to the home owners will be conducted by the Consultant.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND REFERRALS:

1886 Church – A report on the church was sent out to the commissioners to review. A preliminary evaluation form would need to be completed and submitted for the National Register. The State was going to let staff know if they thought that it could move forward.

Main Street Creatives – This is the property at 36 South Main Street. It used to be the old Police Department. A local designation could be done on this building. Commissioner Hodge said that the history of this building needs to be documented and could be done through interviewing Leonard McCain. Commissioner Hodge will see if there is anyone interested in helping to get the documentation done.

OUTREACH STATISTICS:

June 2020 – Historic Preservation started using the Buffer program.

Facebook for the period of June 3 – June 30, had 138 page views which is slightly down from last month; 4,315 post reaches which is up 75% from last month; and a total of 930 page likes. Instagram account from June 24th – June 30th had a total of 86 followers and a reach of 61 and 190 impressions. The Digital Walking Tour of the Downtown Historic District from June 1st – July 1st had 44 visitors. The Historic Splendid Valley Tour from June 1st – July 1st had 209 visitors. The Growing History: Brighton City Museum Blog from June 1st to July 1st had 55 users in 77 sessions with an average session duration of 2 minutes and 3 seconds. The overall results are 18.8% returning visitors and 81.3 % new visitors.

OTHER UPDATES:

Staff has been contacted again by PBS for more information about the Buddhist Church / Temple. Kim has been asked by Anneli Berube, Ag Innovation Specialist to talk about the Historic Splendid Valley Tour at their District Plan Commission Meeting at the end of July. The Historic Splendid Valley digital tour will be in the next issue of the Brighton Connection and will be in an upcoming Brighton Weekly. It will also include a new survey to gauge people who have used any of the virtual offerings.

MUSEUM UPDATES:

Visitors – Staff will continue to monitor the Safer-At-Home requirements to see when the museum might be able to open to the public. The museum visitor's year to date are at 266. There still have been a lot of virtual visits especially for the Armory. There have been 4 researchers in June for a total of 18 hours. The total hours spent thus far is 55 hours and 10 minutes. A research request form has been created.

Unfinished Business:

2020 Budget

The expenses for June were conference related. Staff continues to focus on their needs for the museum and will begin to move forward with getting some items purchased for archiving and exhibits.

Finish Discussion and Provide Updates from Goal #1 – Continue and Expand the Oral Histories Project

At the last meeting the first of the 4 general goals was discussed. The first goal is to continue and expand the Oral Histories Project. Commissioner Humbert suggested that the Commission talk to Media Specialist Andy Bergey to help with video and recording of oral histories. They could then up online on the website or on YouTube. Ms. Bauer will reach out to Mr. Bergey and discuss the scope of the project with him and get additional information that will be helpful for the Commission on how to move forward. Commissioner Hodge was excited about this prospect and would be willing to participate. The first person who was suggested to interview was Leonard McCain. Commissioner Hodge would like to see Christopher Ernst interview Mr. McCain. Commissioner Pinto wanted to make sure that her list of names was received by staff as people to interview. Commissioner Humbert also suggested that Allison Lockwood could help to narrate with some of the interviews. Ms. Lockwood has prior knowledge of historic preservation having served on the Commission for several years. Ms. Bauer will set a meeting with Mr. Bergey. Those who will be involved in the meeting from the Commission are Commissioners Pinto, Hodge and Naumann and staff members Ms. Schreck and Ms. Bauer along with Ms. Lockwood. We will continue to move forward with the oral history project plan.

The other goals include: 2) Look at ways to develop a more robust storytelling initiative of the Brighton City Museum and Historic Preservation team; 3) Work on a series of education materials that cover preservation basics; and 4) Pursue a variety of ways to grow property designation outreach.

The oral histories and storytelling go hand in hand and could be completed together. Ms. Schreck has created a form for the oral histories on the Google Drive and shared it with the Commissioners. The document includes an idea of what the oral history project plan would look like year to year and how to review the plan. It also gives information on who to interview, how the interview should look, and information to share with the participant and who would be the interviewee. Commissioners should review the form and offer any suggestions or edits to the form to Ms. Schreck.

New Business:

Discussion of Bronze Plaques for 301 S. Main and the Depot

These properties are already landmarked and plaques need to be purchased for the properties. Ms. Bauer will bring the costs of the plaques to the August meeting to vote on. In the past, they have averaged about \$290. The plaques are about 6" X 10" and an oval shape. Ms. Bauer did speak to the plaque company but will bring additional information in August. The design has not changed. There was discussion if the Commission should vote on the cost of the plaques or if it was already included in the budget. The Commission has given staff to go ahead and purchase the plaques.

Discussion of Goal #2 – Ways to Develop Storytelling

The storytelling can be done through tours, educational partnerships and social media. Some of the storytelling ideas were discussed along with Goal #1. Further discussion on goal #2 will take place at an upcoming meeting. Most of the ideas have been discussed except the educational partnership. The idea would be to involve the schools looking more at the 4th to 6th grade age range. Some things could be done for the 2nd and 3rd grades also. Currently some of the digital exhibits may already work for this program but a specific exhibit could be created for them. Ms. Schreck will reach out to the school district and see what would work best for them. Trunk tours may be better for the younger students.

Commissioner Humbert stated that he had an idea he would like to work up a plan similar to what was done in the past by having people go to the places and have someone speak to them about the place incorporating the history of the location. Commissioner will work this up and bring to a future meeting.

Additional Comments:

No additional comments

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by Chairman Dawson.

Announcements:

Email sent on Webinar Series – at least 1 webinar per week

- CLG – Dismantle Preservation Virtual Unconference – Tuesday, July 28th – 9:00 am – 9:30 pm – Workshops link: <https://www.sarahmarsom.com/dismantlepreservation>
- CLG Diversity & Inclusion, July 29th – 10:00 – 11:00 am – Link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94580368065?pwd=RE9mT2tLWHI6aU1PR2FBclQrOHBvZz09>
- CLG Workshop – Applying the SOI Standards for Rehabilitation – Monday, August 3rd – 1:00 – 6:00 pm – Tabor Opera House, 308 Harrison Avenue, Leadville

Next Meeting:

August 13, 2020

Submitted by,
Sheryl Johnson