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HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD AGENDA
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 - 4:00 PM

Call to Order/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2022 meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Discuss 2022 Board Activities

Updates

Other Business/Public Comment

Adjournment



Grand Junction Planning Commission

Regular Session

Item #1.

Meeting Date: January 3, 2023

Presented By:

Department: Community Development

Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2022 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

1. Historic Preservation Board Minutes - 2022 - December 6 (2)

Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Minutes – December 6, 2022

Board Members Present: Troy Reynolds, Vida Jaber, Sidney Wood, Christine Noel and Dave Fishell

Board Members Not Present: Ron Parron and Mikhail Blosser

Others in Attendance: Kristen Ashbeck, Dani Acosta and Madeline Robinson, Community Development; Mark Ritterbush and Andy Thatcher, Utilities; Matt Darling, Museums of Western Colorado – Cross Orchards

Call to Order/Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Troy Reynolds.
New Board Member, Christine Noel introduced herself.

Tour Historic Water Plant

Mark Ritterbush and Andy Thatcher led the Board on a tour of the historic water plant on Orchard Mesa. The building has been listed on the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. The Utilities Department has submitted a grant application to the State Historic Fund to begin restoration of the building. A number of community meetings were conducted in the summer of 2022 to solicit input on the future reuse of the building.

Discussion Items

I-70B Road to 6th Corridor – CDOT Historic Assessment. The Board discussed a letter from the Colorado Department of Transportation requesting review of the recent update to the historic review along the I-70B corridor. Generally, the Board agreed with the findings of the updated Cultural Resources Report. It was noted that there was perhaps one building located at 338 South 2nd Street that although determined ineligible for the National Register in the report, could possibly be designated in the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts. Kristen will provide a letter to CDOT indicating the results of the Board review.

Updates

Kristen stated that History Colorado had contacted the City about designation of the fronton (Basque handball court) in Canyon View Park in the state register of historic places. The Board may be able to assist completion of the designation nomination. Kristen will continue to provide updates.

Adjournment

The Board will hold a January 2023 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.



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BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

- Historic Preservation Month (May) - Historic Preservation Day as in 2022 or other ideas listed in attachments.
- Add topics, photos, maps to existing Story Map
- Relocate historic shade structure
- Additional Building Markers - see attached list
- Site Tours
- Nomination for Teller Institute
- Other ideas?

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Attachments

1. HP Month Ideas
2. HP Month Ideas 2
3. Historic Plaques First Phase List

- Host an Open House to show off a historic building that has been recently restored or is in need of restoration.
- Work with local students to research the history of their community and document places that are historically significant.
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- Encourage Main Street merchants to create a special store-window displays that highlight the history of their business or building.
- Organize a work project to clean up a historic town square, park or cemetery.
- Conduct a walking tour or series of tours through a historic district or historic sites/areas. Don't forget to take pictures or video.
- Organize a block party or community picnic in a historic neighborhood or park.
- Hold a local photo or video contest asking your community members to tell you why a historic place or building matters to them.
- Interview a local politicians or celebrities and ask them to pose at their favorite historic site and publish photos/comments.
- Bury a Time Capsule to be opened in 2060. Include a list of places that you want to still be around for the community fifty years from now.
- Hold a Scavenger Hunt and give a prize to the person submitting pictures of themselves in front of the most historic places.
- Write a story for a newsletter or website about Preservation Month and how you are celebrating.
- Organize a group to volunteer on an archaeological dig.
- Hold a career day, inviting preservationists, architects, craftspeople, researchers and others to speak to students about their work.
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- If a historic building in town is threatened with demolition, hold rallies, letter-writing campaigns, cleanup days, and/or public town meetings.
- Hold Workshops for owners of older and historic houses.
- Collect "then and now" photos of your community and exhibit them in a public space such as a school or library.
- Present preservation awards to those who have made a difference in your community.
- Conduct an oral history interview with longtime residents.

Celebrate Preservation Month on Main Street

May is Preservation Month, a time for communities to celebrate the historic places that are meaningful to them. The National Trust for Historic Preservation established Preservation Week in 1973 and extended the festivities to the full month of May in 2005 to allow for more time to raise awareness about the importance of preservation. We took inspiration from Main Streets across the country to come up with a list of three ways your downtown can celebrate Preservation Month. From history talks and scavenger hunts to walking tours and social media campaigns, there are plenty of ways to recognize local history and preservation on Main Street all month long.

1. Rethink your walking tour.

Historic walking tours of Main Streets are a great way to encourage community members to engage with their local history. Consider adding an unexpected twist or theme to your tour to take it to the next level.

[Downtown Washington, Missouri](#), hosts a haunted historic walking tour each year, where a costumed guide takes participants to haunted sites downtown. The tours take guests into historic buildings and are 70 percent history (with a preservation angle) and 30 percent ghost stories. The tour is part of Missouri Main Street Connection's month-long [Road Show](#) for Preservation Month.

The [City of Westminster, Maryland](#), added a twist to their historic Main Street photo scavenger hunt by focusing on glass features on historic homes and buildings. Dubbed "[History Through Rose and Other-Colored Glasses](#)," the hunt included photos and clues for different glass features around town. Community members who could provide the right location for the photos received a prize.

Communities can also use technology to take their walking tour in a unique direction. [New Braunfels, Texas](#) unveiled a [digital downtown walking tour of historic places](#), created with esri, in honor of Preservation Month.

2. Partner with another organization or build off an existing calendar item for your engagement events.

Planning fun and unique engagement events doesn't have to take up all your time. Make Preservation Month activities an easier lift by partnering with another organization or adding a historic preservation element to an existing event on your downtown's schedule.

May is National Bike Month, so the [Cincinnati Preservation Collective](#) organizes an annual preservation bike ride of historic neighborhoods in Cincinnati. They partnered with the local bike share program to waive fees on bikes and with a local restaurant that hosted them after the ride. Check out [the National Trust for Historic Preservation's post](#) for more details about the ride and tips for planning your own.

[Downtown Wayland, Michigan](#), partnered with their local library on a [digital photo collection campaign](#). They encouraged community members to bring in historic photos to get digitized and entered into a photo collection that documents the history of Wayland. The photo project ultimately led to a storytelling campaign.

[Downtown Boone Development Association in North Carolina](#), used their First Friday Art Crawl in May as a venue to share oral histories of five downtown buildings. They posted the scripts and photos of buildings [on their website](#), as well.

3. Get creative with social media.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a comprehensive [This Place Matters Toolkit](#) with printable signage, digital shareables, and merchandise you can use to promote Preservation Month throughout May. Main Street communities can get creative to encourage their community members to share the places that matter to them using #thisplacematters. If you'd like a daily action list, here are [31 Ways to Celebrate Preservation Month](#).

[Dahlonega Main Street Program & DDA](#) in Georgia holds a yearly Photo Contest during Preservation Month. Contestants submit photos of historic spots in town, the Main Street program [posts them to a Facebook album](#), and the photo that receives the most "likes" wins the People's Choice Award.

[Main Street DeLand, Florida](#), scattered *This Place Matters* signs on stakes around town to make it easy for residents to stop and take photos at historic sites on Main Street. They featured people's photos on their social media pages.

[Grundy Center Chamber-Main Street](#) in Iowa encouraged their social media followers to post photos of places in town that inspire them and compiled the photos they received in a [Facebook album](#). They even had their [local paper do a write up](#) on the campaign. They plan to put This Place Matter signs at each of the stops on their Historic Homes Tour this year.



DeLand Main Street Events & Promotions Coordinator Desireé Freeland poses in front of a mural by Courtney Canova at Painters Pond. Credit: Desireé Freeland

SITE	LOCATION	DESIGNATED STRUCTURE	SIGN COMPLETED
D&RGW Railroad Depot	119 Pitkin Avenue	National Register	
Whitman School	248 South 4th Street	City Register	Yes
BPOE Home	249 South 4th Street	City Register	Yes
Hotel St. Regis	359 Colorado Avenue	National Register	Yes
Electric Building	101 South 3rd Street	City Register	
Reed Building	362 Main Street	City Register	Yes
Sampliners/Rockslide Building	401 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
Mesa Drug/City Market	400 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
Bannisters	436 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
First National Bank Building	464 Main Street	City Register	
Benges Shoe Store	514 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
Fair Building	501 Main Street	City Register	Yes
Margery Building	519-527 Main Street	National Register	
Daily Sentinel/Champion Boots	545 Main Street	Not Designated	
Majestic/Mesa Theater	534-540 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
Kress/Mercantile Building	542-546 Main Street	Not Designated	
Old Mesa County Courthouse/Main St Bagels	559 Main Street	Not Designated	
Schiesswohl Building	131 South 6th Street/560 Colorado Avenue	City Register	Yes
United Hardware/Interiors Etc	602 Main Street	Not Designated	
Avalon Theater	645 Main Street	City Register	Yes
Mesa County Courthouse	544 Rood Avenue	City Register	
Grand Junction Post Office / U.S. Courthouse	400 Rood Avenue	National Register	Yes
Handy Chapel	202 White Avenue	National Register	Yes
Stranges Grocery	226 Pitkin Avenue	National Register	Yes
Emerson School	930 Ute Avenue	City Register	Yes
Vorbeck Building	510 Main Street	City Register	
I.O.O.F. Hall	128 North 5th Street	City Register	
CD Smith Warehouse/Museum of the West	233 South 5th Street	City Register	Yes
Daily Sentinel	634 Main Street	Not Designated	Yes
Grand Junction News/GJEP Offices	122 North 6th Street	Not Designated	Yes
Raso Building/Summit Canyon	461 Main Street	City Register	
Canon Block / Wells Fargo Bank	359 Main Street	Not Designated	