

**CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
August 6, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2009, in Citizens Meeting Room, Centennial Hall, 124 10th Street, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

HPC members in attendance were Chairperson D.J. Chotvac; Sally TeStrake; and Johnny Walker

Absent: Cami Bunn

Staff members present were Laureen Schaffer, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator; Alexis Casale, Historic Preservation Planner and Ginger Scott, Staff Assistant

APPROVAL OF July 2, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes could not be approved because there were not three people present from that meeting.

MOTION

VOTE

Vote:

Abstaining (due to absence):

Absent: Bunn

APPROVAL OF July 15, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner TeStrake had emailed her requested changes to Scott. Scott read the changes which were:

The middle of page one, change "affect" to "effect".

The third sentence of page two, change "we" to "they".

The top of page three, change "Owner Scott" to "Owner Bernsten".

The middle of page three, change the wording "the mill of it" to read "whether the supplier could mill it as horizontal siding instead of vertical".

MOTION

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Commissioner TeStrake seconded the motion.

VOTE

Vote: (3/0)

Abstaining (due to absence):

Absent: Bunn

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

APPLICATIONS TO THE STEAMBOAT SPRINGS HISTORIC REGISTER

a. Community House – 55 12th Street –Historic Resource Application

STAFF PRESENTATION: Schaffer gave the history. The house is nominated under the areas of architecture and historic significance. It was built in 1921. Schaffer said that there are some questions of integrity as some of the details have been changed over the years, including some important features that are extra special to the rustic style. Details on the ridge, chimney and front door have all been removed. Staff believes, however, that there is still enough integrity left to recognize it as rustic style. She added that usually when a building has been moved, it loses so much of its historical significance that it is not eligible – but not in the case of architecture. With this building there was a move, and staff was unable to pinpoint when this happened. Schaffer explained the rationale for knowing that it has been moved. Historical newspapers note the original construction on the “island” which is located just west of town around where Dream Island currently is. Schaffer said she thinks the move took place before 1939 because of a newspaper article noting a new roof on the community house in “City Park”.

Commissioner TeStrake noted that it has most likely been in its current location for over 50 years, so it would have its own historical significance at that location.

Schaffer said yes, there is good probability that this is true. Schaffer said she did go to the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and received their approval to move forward on this.

Commissioner Chotvacs asked what the intent is for this structure, once it is designated.

Schaffer said it depends on funding, but the hope would be to return it to its original state, and to have programming at the site.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION: The applicant is the City of Steamboat Springs.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS APPLICATION: None

RESPONSE BY STAFF: None

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION: Commissioner Walker stated that he did have occasion to look closely at the building and there are some rotted logs on the bottom. And one of the elevations is frame over logs.

Schaffer said yes at some point over the years that material was put over the original logs.

Commissioner TeStrake said it is not surprising that there are some structural issues since the building is in the floodplain.

Commissioner Chotvacs said she believes it retains enough integrity to be nominated for architecture. She also noted it seemed significant for its geographic location.

Schaffer said the property was not nominated in the area of geography because of the slight chance that it has not been in this location for 50 years.

Commissioner TeStrake agreed with Commissioner Chotvacs that the structure meets the criteria for architecture.

ADDITIONAL STAFF COMMENTS: None.

RESOLUTION: Commissioner Chotvacs made a motion to adopt the resolution designating Community House as an Historic Resource to the Steamboat Springs Register of Historic Places, as outlined in the HPC packet.

Commissioner TeStrake seconded the motion with the amendment.

VOTE

Vote: (3/0)

Voting for resolution: Chotvacs, Walker, TeStrake

Absent: Bunn

PETITIONS FOR ALTERATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS

None

TAX CREDITS

None

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Commissioner TeStrake reported that the plaques are ordered, and that she was unsure of the timeline, but it may be a few weeks to a month before they arrive. She added that she hasn't had time to work on the brochure.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Chotvacs noted that channel 6 is running good historical films on the station and that they have the weather page on in the middle of the night. She wants to commend the people who are working on this and encourage them to look at more films at the museum if they need material.

ADJOURN

Commissioner TeStrake moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.
Commissioner Walker seconded the motion.

VOTE

Vote: (3/0)

Voting for approval of motion to adjourn: Chotvacs, TeStrake, Walker

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Absent: Bunn

Submitted By:

Ginger Scott, Staff Assistant

Date

Approved By:

D.J. Chotvac, Historic Preservation Commission Chair

Date