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AGENDA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO

November 2, 2023 3:00 PM

In-person Meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Community Center – Aspen Room with alternate Zoom link availability for the public to also attend virtually. To participate in Public Comment and/or Public Hearings you must attend in-person or use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89182627842> Meeting ID: 891 8262 7842 Passcode: 492566
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. AGENDA ADOPTION
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 21, 2023
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - A. Pearl Theater update
 - B. Informal ADG meetings and discussions
 - C. Annual CLG report
 - D. Discussion of possible MU-MS code revisions
 - E. Updates from related organizations and general discussion
- VII. STAFF UPDATES
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

John O'Brien, Suzy Kelly, Vic Kuklin, Katy Welter, Jo Reese, Nancy Locke, and Melanie Roth, attended in person. Joel Benson and Jamie Graves attended in person as Town of BV staff. Steve, Laura, and Graham Turk attended as members of the public.

III. AGENDA ADOPTION

Nancy requested that we discuss North Gunnsion property demolition to the agenda. Suzy moved to approve the agenda as amended; Jo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 3, 2023

Suzy moved to approve the minutes; Jo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 400 W Main St.

Steve and Laura (and their son Graham) Turk shared that they recently purchased 400 W Main St and they are looking to update the windows, paint the exterior, and possibly add solar panels. They would also like to

Katy discussed the process for pursuing preservation tax credits. Melanie offered to share contacts for professionals who do this kind of work. Katy will follow up with

B. Pearl Theater update

After local landmarking, the Groy's also pursued the Colorado Preservation Inc's "Most Endangered Places" grant.

This Agenda may be Amended

Posted at Buena Vista Town Hall and www.buonavistaco.gov

C. Colorado Preservation Inc. – Saving Places on the Road in La Junta

Nancy attended this conference, really enjoyed it, and shared some highlights: preservation can cultivate positive community relationships, is environmentally friendly, and can contribute to affordable housing. Biggest takeaway for BV would be to host Saving Places on the Road, perhaps in summer 2025. Nancy spoke with the CPI director, who is very interested in the “On the Road” being in Buena Vista, and starting with a CPI board meeting, possibly next year (2024), where they would also determine the suitability of BV for “On the Road” in 2025 or beyond.

D. Annual CLG Report

John requested everyone’s preservation-related training hours for inclusion in the CLG annual report, which is due November 1. He will also email a reminder.

E. 121 North Gunnison property demolition

The owner of a potentially historic building located on Gunnison Ave was allowed to demolish it without HPC review. Joel explained that the demo permit was issued by the County and may not have been submitted to the Town for approval; or, if it was submitted, then it may have been authorized improperly without HPC review.

Joel also mentioned that an owner of a potentially historic building was interested in dismantling and moving the building, and asked how we’d like to handle that. HPC offered to meet with the property owner to discuss the best way to approach a project like that.

F. Princeton Hotel Sign

Dan Courtright had requested input for the restoration of the historic Princeton Hotel, as the current owners would like to keep it. Melanie will email Dan some recommendations.

G. Staff updates

Joel shared that a property owner who received some informal input regarding a façade renovation from HPC is now under the impression that the property does not require additional review. This example points to the importance of making it clear when feedback is informal and where formal review is still required.

H. Town of BV Budget

HPC will request the same amount as in the past, and the budget work session will be on Tuesday.

I. Updates from related organizations and general discussion

Vic shared that the Curtis Legacy exhibit ends Sunday afternoon and has been spectacular, after which the Museum will be shut down for the winter. Suzy reported that they got a boiler and are fundraising for the installation. Apple Fest was a big success, and more apples will be for sale this Sunday. The big goal for next year is more staff for the increasing number of events and attendees.

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Katy shared that the environmental remediation work will be finished next week, after which the remaining rehabilitation work will take place.

Jo asked to discuss the historic trees that may be jeopardized by the Sangre de Cristo project to prune trees within their right-of-way. Suzy suggested that we wait to see Sangre's plan before taking action. John suggested that we make this an agenda item at next month's meeting, with a plan to vote on taking action.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 2 at The Community Center – Aspen Room.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

John O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 4:45.