

Minutes

## Erie Historic Preservation Board

Meeting, July 28, 2014

Participating: Jackie Connor, Chair; Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary; Paula King, Sarah Wise, Ed Wilson, Scott Charles BOT Liaison. Walt Lewis, was absent.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jackie Connor.

The Agenda was approved.

The minutes of June 30 were approved.

No one was present for public comment.

### **Old Business**

- The question was raised as to our Agenda being posted on Erie's website. Scott Charles volunteered to investigate this question.
- A suggestion was made concerning improving our website. We agreed that our goal should be to have a link on the city website to historic preservation.
- Discussion was held concerning the need to fill the Historic Preservation Board with a qualified member. We agreed that we would seek to recruit applications for an additional member. We thought it would be especially helpful to have an individual with an architectural background.
- We have agreed to begin future meetings at 6:30 pending proper community notification.
- CLG report is completed and accepted by the state.

### Members report:

- Paula King has spoken to History Colorado and scheduled a representative to attend our August meeting.
- Sarah Wise talked about Biscuit Day September 20. We discussed having a presence at this event and hopefully have an improved banner. A suggestion was made concerning some sort of handout, possibly a bookmark. We will look into the feasibility of this project.
- Scott Charles reported that the historic school bell does exist and is being stored at the LAW building. Discussion was held concerning the possible display if feasible. Perhaps the bell could be a symbol of historic Erie by placing it at the Town Hall. Scott Charles agreed to assess the condition of the bell prior to our next meeting.

We brainstormed ideas that would improve the public's awareness and knowledge of Erie's history. Included were suggestions to have "before" photos displayed of current downtown streetscapes. Another suggestion was to place interpretive displays along Erie's hiking trails.

The Airport Museum is anxious to develop mutual support systems.

Walking Tour needs to be updated and document needs more sophistication. We agreed that this is one of the ways we can get people involved in Erie's history and supportive of historical preservation.

### **New Business.**

- The question was raised concerning what process, if any, existed that identifies historic buildings in our community and protects important historic structures from alteration or demolition with a review. What triggers the EHPB to give a recommendation to the city? We agreed that this process needs to be identified and defined for this board to meet its responsibilities.
- An extensive discussion was held concerning the training held by History Colorado attended by the EHPB. We felt strongly that this was a very positive and helpful experience and has helped give us direction.
- Jackie Connor is pursuing a budget for the EHPB.

The Board unanimously voted to request that we be allowed to begin our meetings at 6:30 rather than 7:00 in the future.

Next EHPB meeting

- August 25

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29

Submitted by:

Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary