

Minutes

Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Meeting, May 18, 2015

Participating: Jackie Connor, Chair; Paula King, Co-chair; Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary; Dave Snow, Walt Lewis, Sarah Wise, Scott Charles BOT Liaison.

This meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Jackie Connor.

The Agenda was approved.

The minutes of April 23 were approved.

Public comment and non agenda items

Guests present: Rebecca Waugh and Jolie Diepenhorst.

Old Business

- Our Town Fair was very successful. Much greater participation than anticipated and a good deal of interest in historical preservation. At least four Landmark packages were distributed.
- EPAB vacancy is still open.
- CLG Grants have not been announced at this date.
- Landmark Plaques are in the works. A suggestion was made to have an example available at our next Town fair.
- Current Website is not built for mobile devices. We would like to see the flow chart developed by Dave Snow included on the website. Also a clearer statement of purpose might be beneficial.
- Apparently current Landmark plaques in Erie were given out when a property was perceived as “old”.

New Business

- Establishing a position of “Historian” was discussed. Perhaps this could be paid for with a grant from History Colorado since positions in other communities have initially been financed by grants. Jolie Diepenhorst presented ideas concerning the potential for historic preservation in Erie. Guest Rebecca Waugh presented a list of possible projects beneficial to the community that could be managed by such a person.
- A discussion of how historical preservation can benefit communities. Taking historical preservation has positive economic and psychological consequences for communities. Historical Preservation is essential in getting people to know and love our community. The conference “History by the Numbers”, attended by Dave Snow and Mark Mavrogianes in May, also reinforced these principles.
- We discussed the importance of creating a process that would automatically trigger a review before a property could be demolished or significantly modified.

- “Next year” goals were discussed. Most important is to produce a preservation master plan.
- We are still working on having the Trustees review our proposed revisions of our By-laws.
- Landmark application for the cemetery is still in progress.
- We have no new information on digitalizing our handbook.
- LEGO grant idea is on hold
- Members were encouraged to attend the May 21c History series presentation on the Wise Homestead.

Our next meeting will be on June 22, 2015 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned 7:55

Submitted by:
Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary