

LAMAR HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LAMAR CITY COMPLEX, LAMAR, COLORADO
August 13, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Before the meeting was called to order, Jenni had asked if Jacob could run the meeting, as she was on the phone and transporting her kids to school. Jacob agreed and called the meeting to order. Jacob Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:05 am.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Board members attending were: Trevor LaCost; Jennifer Mortimeyer (via phone); Jacob Peterson; Galan Burnett; David Zavala, Council liaison; City liaison Anne-Marie Crampton; and City staff member, Joy Dashner. Stephanie Gonzales was absent.

Citizens/media present: Mike Duffy

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trevor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 16, 2024; Jacob seconded the motion, all in favor.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 2024 Trainings/Conferences
 - Sugar Beet History of Colorado webinar that was held on July 24, 2024, was not too informative. Learned that there were only three companies that put in the sugar beet factories in the Southeast area. Lamar's refinery (now the BMS Truss Plant) was owned by Holly Sugar. The session was mostly individuals' personal reflections of the sugar beet history in the area.

- **Priorities**
 - Main Café – The City applied for a \$250,000 CDHPE grant and pledged a \$250,000.00 match. We only received \$50,000.00. The City is considering phasing the work; there is an asbestos spill and general abatement required. The spill is estimated at \$250,000.00 and must be done first. A contractor cannot do the spill and abatement at the same time. City Treasurer Kristin Schwartz is considering applying for an EPA grant to cover the rest. The City could request funds for

multiple properties in that grant. In that case, the City could ask to abate the warehouses west of the Main Café, and the Lamar Inn.

- Willow Creek Park/Caretaker's House – no report at this time.
- Pike's Tower – Anne-Marie was able to speak with Harv Hisgen, Pike National Historic Trail Association President. He has had a stroke, and that is why he was not in contact with her. He did give her some other contacts, Linda Balough and Brian Pike, a descendent of Zebulon Pike. Linda stated that when Harv is gone, the association is likely to fold as well. The Trail Association received a hard "no" from the federal government on a national historical trail designation. Linda thought the HP Board could apply for a grant to work on Pike's Tower ourselves. Trevor asked if there were any local families in the area willing to sponsor the Pike's Tower project. Jacob suggested the Daughters of the American Revolution as a potential resource. Jenni is a part of that group, and she will bring it up to them. Jenni also suggested doing a presentation on Pike's Tower the same evening as the History Colorado meeting. Trevor mentioned that the fire department uses the Pike's Tower to train for repelling. Building on that idea, he suggested that the City could work with a funder to build a short zipline for kids utilizing the Tower. Anne-Marie recommended that the HP Board be active in outreach for the Parks and Rec master plan that will be gearing up in the near future.

6. NEW BUSINESS –

- Applications for the 6-1-2024 to 5-31-2027 Board seat. The applications were reviewed by the board. Jenni abstained from the conversation, since her term has lapsed and she has reapplied for her current position on the HP Board. The applicants are Jenni Mortimeyer, Gabrielle Hammer Nieschburg, Michael Duffy, and Bryson Cowen. There is only one position open at this time, with no opportunity at this time to expand the board. Community citizens of the are more than welcome to join our meetings, they are just not able to vote. Mike Duffy and Jenni were asked to leave the conversation while the applications were discussed. The Board assured them that it would let them know when we were done with that discussion and they could rejoin the meeting.

Trevor moved to retain Jenni on the board; Jacob seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The other applicants will be notified and remain on file for future openings, resources and for volunteering.

Jenni was called back, and Mike was brought back in to the room. Mike and Jenni were notified of the vote. Anne-Marie will bring the decision to Council for final approval.

- History Colorado Regional meeting- Anne-Marie was not able to confirm the dates and times for the HC team Lamar October visit and presentation before the HP Board meeting.
7. **MISCELLANEOUS** – Stephanie Gonzales, Anne-Marie Crampton, Galan Burnett, Jenni Mortimeyer, and Lamar Building Inspector Stephanie Strube toured the Creaghe House (303 S. First Street) tour on August 2, 2024. There is a lot of local and state history connected to the Creaghe family. Anne-Marie anticipates on having a completed application for the Creaghe house before the next meeting on October 15, 2024. Ernie is coming in to work on the application to get the Creaghe House on the local register.
 8. **NEXT PUBLIC MEETING**
The next regular meeting will be on October 15, 2024 at 7:00 am.
 9. **ADJOURNMENT** – Jacob adjourned meeting at 8:05 am.