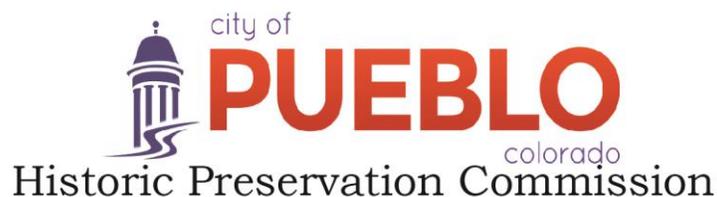


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Minutes for Wednesday, January 10, 2018

City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place

WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Called to order at 1:50 p.m. with Chairperson Campbell presiding.

Commissioners Present: Laurel Campbell, Chris Markuson, Maria Tucker

Commissioners Absent: Andy Sanchez and Karen Knight (Kerry Bennet resigned)

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Manager for Community Development Scott Hobson, Board Attorney Daniel Kogovsek, Planner Alan Lamberg

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

While there was no quorum, the members present had no comments to modify the January 10, 2018 agenda.

II. PRESENTATIONS

None.

III. WORK SESSION

1. **Administration: Grant Funding** application to continue survey and inventory of Historic Downtown Pueblo (Main Street)

Lamberg briefed the commission members on each section of the grant application, *Historic Downtown Pueblo Intensive Survey and Outreach, Part 2*, and noted their comments. The grant application would be submitted to History Colorado (State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation; OAHP) by January 12.

Project description from the application: "The request is to conduct additional intensive surveys of historic Downtown Pueblo, with a public education outreach component. A previous grant project (2014-M2-016) produced 25 intensive surveys from 150 buildings surveyed at a reconnaissance level, and included an architectural context. This study was not enough to justify a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The Part 2 study will focus on history-based criteria, namely how certain buildings pivotally contributed to the commercial development of downtown. The cultural resource inventory will have 15 additional OAHP Form 1403 intensive surveys, which will factually support a nomination. We will contract professional services of SWCA Environmental Consultants, who performed the work from the Part 1 study. Public participation will be a project component to educate and involve stakeholders and property owners so they are receptive to preservation as a way to reinvest in Downtown Pueblo. Now is the time to encourage these change-makers to take ownership of historic preservation initiatives. The additional survey of Downtown Pueblo will help support a historic district nomination. This project will further our goals of survey and inventory, preserve and protect, and public participation."

The grant request is \$24,004, with \$1,100 cash pledged by stakeholder organizations, \$4,875 in-kind staff by City and County governments, for a project total \$29,979.

2. **Communication: Outreach** brochure (revised) to property owners, businesses, and service providers about benefits and obligations of local historic designation

Lamberg reported that no progress was made for lack of staff time. Campbell voiced concern that property owners such as Blue Ocean Sushi seem to be unaware of noncompliant with HPC code for murals and signs. Markuson suggested that the OAHP may have grant money to hire a consultant to do outreach tasks. He said that the Steelworks Center of the West benefited from that program.

3. **Administration: Work plan** priorities for goals, objectives, strategies

Campbell asked Hobson and Kogovsek to advise on a process for a joint City-County HPC.¹ It would require an intergovernment agreement between City Council and County Commissioners with support by the regional planning commission, Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG). Kogovsek suggested proposing the idea at a City Council worksession with a County Commission present.

4. **Other discussion**

Lamberg will look into facts regarding Federal appropriations bill H.R.3354, which includes an amendment that excludes funds for any CLG grant or loan to counties in Southeastern Colorado, including Pueblo, for establishing a national historic district nor similar programs.² (This would adversely affect CLG funding for continued development of the Steelworks Center of the West and a recent grant application for Downtown Pueblo.)

(On January 18, Mark Rodman conveyed facts from Senator Cory Garner's Office. The Senate will not pass the House-proposed bill for the Department of Interior. They are working on an Omnibus spending bill that will not include the Buck amendment.³)

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lamberg.

¹ See December 2017 work session for previous discussion.

² H.R. 3354, Section 451, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3354/text>

³ Congressman Ken Buck represents the 4th District of Colorado, which includes several counties in southeast Colorado. However, Pueblo County is represented by Congressman Scott Tipton of the 3rd District.