

Berthoud Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM
Berthoud Town Hall (807 Mountain Ave.)

I. ROLL CALL

Committee members present included: Leslie Moore (Vice Chair), Cheryl Szydlo (Secretary), Lee Hardies, Fred Maine, Carri Grimdtich and Courtney VanHooser. Town of Berthoud: Anne Johnson (Community Development Director), and Andrew Wayland (Historical Society Liaison). The meeting was held in person.

A. The meeting was called to order at 5:37pm. A roll call attendance was taken.

II. MINUTES

Minutes from the February 10, 2025, meeting were reviewed, a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Lee Hardies and seconded by Fred Maine. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tracy Theobald Briggs, Historic Larimer County Board member, former director of the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum and Berthoud resident, joined the meeting to give us an update on preservation efforts for the First United Brethren Church building, currently known as the Foursquare Gospel Church, at 500 4th Street.

There have been various efforts over the years to obtain grant funding to be used for restoration of this iconic, downtown Berthoud historic landmark. There was a meeting recently at the Church with Tracy, Kelly Clark of Colorado Preservation, Inc., Pastor Steve Salazar and Barb Darden, Architect, to discuss grant possibilities and next steps to secure funding and bring local, county and state level attention to saving this property. Tracy was happy to report that the owner of the building, Foursquare, headquartered in Los Angeles, CA have granted their approval, removing the biggest obstacle to moving forward with restoration and renovation planning. HPAC and town representatives expressed their support and willingness to help in any way they can.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Select Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary Positions

- Several of our committee members expressed interest in the positions to be filled.
 - Leslie Moore was nominated for the Chair seat by Lee Hardies, 2nd by Carri Grimdtich. She was unanimously approved for the position.
 - Fred Maines volunteered for the Vice-Chair seat and was unanimously approved for the position.
 - Cheryl Szydlo was unanimously approved to continue in her current position as Secretary.

2. CLG Grant Recommended for Funding – no action required.

- The CLG Grant application was approved by History Colorado. The intended use of the funding is for the Town of Berthoud Preservation Plan. An update on the funding status is expected April 1st, contingent upon on the State's receipt of Federal funds.
- Comments are due for the RFP as written by Thursday, with release of the RFP through the town's website, social media and BidNet expected on Monday.

3. 330 Mountain Ave Results from Meeting with Town Trustees

- The Town Board voted unanimously to approve the request for a Major Alteration to a Local Historic Landmark for the building facade at 330 Mountain Avenue subject to the four conditions listed in the staff report.
- Discussion ensued regarding the future processing of the building permit.

4. Other Business

- Andrew Wayland informed the committee that individuals from the Legacy Farms/Ludlow Farm development have reached out to BHS to help plan the development's pathways, including suggestions for physical exhibits that may be included in their RFP's.
- Leslie Moore reported that Mark French is interested in writing an informational piece about the Garvin's Grocery building, current home of Berthoud Pizza.

V. Adjourn

Fred Maine motioned to adjourn, Lee Hardies seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Szydlo
Berthoud HPAC Secretary