

Berthoud Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM
Berthoud Town Hall (807 Mountain Ave.)

I. ROLL CALL

Committee members present included: Leslie Moore (Vice Chair), Cheryl Szydlo (Secretary), James Massie, Lee Hardies and Fred Maine. Town of Berthoud: Brian Dubois (Town Staff Representative) and Tim Hardy (Board Liaison) and Andrew Wayland (Historical Society Liaison). The meeting was held in person.

A. The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm. A roll call attendance was taken.

II. MINUTES

Minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed, a motion to approve the Minutes was made by James Massie and seconded by Fred Maine. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments presented.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Alteration Application Approval – 609 5th Street

- An application for repainting this home was submitted to the town and approved by Town Staff per Code sections 30-9-102 Alterations i. Minor Alterations and 30-9-111 Alterations, relocations or demolitions. The project is complete.
 - Andrew shared that the owner of the property reached out to learn what color the house was painted in the past.

B. Terms Expiring

- Leslie Moore – Leslie will renew her term
- James Massie – James will renew his term
- Open Spot – Committee members will continue to recruit for candidates to fill this spot.

C. Preservation Plan Next Steps

- Lee will review examples of other town's preservation plans and RFP's from the Town of Berthoud to begin putting together an RFP with the goal of having a draft prepared prior to our next meeting.
 - Brian will check with Christian Samora (Town Clerk) regarding approval steps for the RFP to be sent out for bids.
 - a. Colorado Historical Society has a list of potential vendors to be contacted.
- CLG Grant application opportunity in once a year.
 - Fee proposals returned to the Town will be used for the grant application.

D. Town Board Strategic Plan

- Going hand-in hand with having the preservation plan in place the goal is to develop a list of priority sites for historic preservation and restoration.
 - One property of interest is the Newell Farm, a portion of which was purchased by the Town.
 - The Town is working with Carmen Farmer of Colorado Open Lands on conservation efforts for farms in and around our area.
 - a. She is a good resource for help with messaging to spread the word to landowners about preservation & conservation possibilities.
- Work Session to Enhance Understanding and Appreciation of Berthoud's history
 - The work session will include HPAC and the Town Board. It will be open to the public.
 - We are invited to suggest discussion ideas and items for the agenda. A date hasn't been announced.

E. Referral Comments

- River Trails – There is a development proposal for the property at the southeast corner of County Road 15 & County Road 6C
 - The Rockwell Ditch runs through part of the property.
 - a. A comment to consider making in response to the development proposal is to highlight the importance of irrigation to Berthoud and the state of Colorado's history by recognizing it with an interpretative sign.
 - Leslie suggested that there are often archaeological sites along river beds.
 - a. In reference to cultural resource surveys the Town Municipal Code could include language specific to archeological aspects of properties.
 - Discussion ensued re: the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Trails Plan that includes ideas for a Little Thompson River Trail that would potentially connect Town owned properties and privately held or development properties. Anne Johnson is a good resource to learn more about this.

F. Other Business

- The Berthoud Historical Society along with local realtor, Christine Torres, are organizing a Farmstead Barn Tour on September 14th.
 - We are invited to volunteer at the barn sites, if needed.

V. Adjourn

Leslie Moore motioned to adjourn, James Massie seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Szydlo
Berthoud HPAC Secretary