

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission was held on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, in the Centennial Room – City Hall located at 433 S 1st Street in Montrose, Colorado. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT: Kenneth Huff, Danielle Godt, John Eloie, Jon Horn, Darlene Mora, Catherine Stroh

GUESTS: Planner II William Reis, Deputy City Clerk Briceida Ortega

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Historic Preservation Commission considered the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Kenneth Huff, seconded by Danielle Godt, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 regular meeting as amended. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Reports from Saving Places Conference

William Reis and Catherine Stroh provided a summary of the different online sessions they participated in for the Saving Places Conference. Mr. Reis shared what he learned from the Focus on Facades Session. He mentioned that according to data from Main Street America, communities that have improvement programs and actual numbers are much more successful. Mr. Reis will be watching more sessions and will share more information at the next meeting.

Catherine Stroh presented on various themes from the different sessions. Ms. Stroh mentioned that the first theme was how equity, diversity, and inclusion should interplay with preservation and the importance of telling the full story. Sustainability was the second theme and how using existing buildings helps mitigate potential climate change. Ms. Stroh also shared that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announced that they are doing a “Colorado Heritage for All” initiative. Their goal is to register 150 new listings on the State Register of Historic Properties by 2026. This initiative is focusing on sites with historically excluded communities. CPI also announced a subgrant

program that will focus on preservation and façade improvement in rural communities. The application hasn't been released yet.

Mr. Reis shared that future Historic Preservation Commission meetings will now be held at the Council Chambers.

Discussion on Historic Building Imaging

William Reis provided an update on the possibilities for Historic Building Imaging. Mr. Reis explained that Colorado State University is doing scans of the interiors of historic buildings. They are pursuing a State Historical Fund grant to be able to these scans at no cost to cities. He mentioned that it would be a great opportunity for the City of Montrose to be a part of this project.

Jon Horn explained that this project would address the condition of each building and provide the ability to analyze the cost of building repairs. Mr. Horn also mentioned that if something ever happened to the building, the record would exist to look back at how the building looked like.

The board discussed the 9 buildings that should be included in the list. Mr. Reis mentioned that there is a maximum of 9. The final list included Methodist Episcopal Church, Montrose City Hall, Montrose Fire Dept. No. 1, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Montrose County Jail, Denver and Rio Grande Depot, Montrose Potato Growers Association, U.S. Post Office – Montrose, and Masonic Temple.

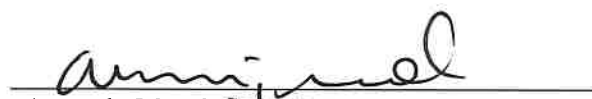
ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Catherine Stroh, seconded by John Eloie, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.



Jon Horn, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Amanda Lloyd, Secretary