

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 27, 2022**

A regular meeting of the City of Montrose Historic Preservation Commission was held on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**, in the City Council Chambers located at 107 S. Cascade Avenue in Montrose, Colorado. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

PRESENT: Kenneth Huff, Jon Horn, Amanda Lloyd, Jeremy Omvig, John Eloë

GUESTS: Planning Manager Jace Hochwalt, Planner II William Reis, Deputy City Clerk Briceida Ortega, Clay Bales

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Historic Preservation Commission considered the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 26, 2022. A motion was made by Kenneth Huff seconded by John Eloë, to approve the minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

PUBLIC HEARING

Historic Designation Hearing - Knights of Pythias Building

Planner II William Reis introduced an application for historic property designation for the Knights of Pythias Building, located at 33 S. Cascade Avenue in Montrose.

Mr. Reis provided an overview of the building's history and architectural relevance, noting that the Knights of Pythias was established in Montrose in January 1887 when representatives of Iron Mountain Lodge No. 19 of Salida came to town to formally start Cascade Lodge No. 33. The first officers were W. A. Eckerly, L. Stewart, J. W. Eiler, F. N. Van Horn, J. C. Marsh, R. Getts, T. E. Finley, and J. N. Reynolds (Salida Mail, January 28, 1887:4). They seem to have had annual banquets, but it is unclear where they met. They evidently started meeting in the upstairs of the building at 317-321 Main in 1899. The stairs to the second floor are between the two commercial storefronts and still has the Knights of Pythias signage above the door.

City staff finds that the building meets the eligibility criteria for designation and recommends approval of the application for historic designation.

A motion was made by John Eloë, seconded by Amanda Lloyd, to approve the application for the Historic Designation of the Knights of Pythias Building, located at 33 S. Cascade Avenue. All voted yes. Motion passed.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Update on La Raza Neighborhood/Tortilla Flats Historic Context Report and Survey

Planner II William Reis provided an update on the La Raza Neighborhood/Tortilla Flats Historic Context Report and Survey process, noting that he will be sending the final version for the Commission to review. Mr. Reis mentioned that he will also send the final version to the public and he will be scheduling a public meeting at the MADA building.

Mr. Reis noted that Michael Prouty's term finishes in October and has decided that he will not be reapplying to be part of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Eloë, seconded by Jeremy Omvig, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.



Jon Horn, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Amanda Lloyd, Secretary