

**Historic Preservation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 5:45 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Melissa Lohry called the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 5:48 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room at Town Hall, 301 Walnut Street, Windsor, Colorado.

The following Commission members were present:

Melissa Lohry, Chair  
Anne Johnson  
Brent Phinney  
Sandy Squicquero

Robert Bishop-Cotner - Town Board Liaison

Robin Martinez was excused

The following town staff was present:

Elizabeth Fields, Associate Planner  
Joe Plummer, Director of Planning  
Mary Lee, Deputy Town Clerk

**2. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD.**

There was no public comment.

**3. Consent Calendar.**

**Ms. Squicquero moved to accept the minutes as published; Mr. Phinney seconded the motion. All members voted Aye.**

**4. Meeting with Windsor-Severance Historical Society**

The following members of the Windsor-Severance Historical Society (WSHS) were present:

Sue Buxman  
Linda Cumpsten  
Gene Morey  
Marge Straube

Ms. Lohry explained the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) members want to learn more about the history and the stories that make up Windsor's past. Ms. Straube commented they have the same goals.

Ms. Lohry asked about the formation of the WSHS. Ms. Straube gave a report about the Windsor Civic Committee working to save the Depot in 1974. She told of the project, work of the Chairman of that Committee – Bob Hogan, and donations given to the Committee for display in

the Depot. Later the school, church, beet shanty, and other buildings were added. The complex grew, and became too big for the Civic Committee to manage. In approximately 1995, the WSHS was born. Currently the group has approximately 60 members and 300 contributors.

Today, the primary focus of the WSHS is to record stories of historic significance to the community. Their interviewees include educators, members of the business community, doctors, authors, immigrants; people who have stories of early life in Windsor. DVDs of the interviews are kept at the Library, and are available for check-out, though their availability is not widely promoted. The groups briefly discussed the integrity of the format of these interviews, and steps needed to assure preservation in the future, possibly including written transcripts. They also reviewed some ideas for more interviews and eras still to be covered.

Mr. Morey spoke of several publications compiled by the WSHS, and the stories they convey to the community. He offered to share some of these publications with the HPC. Ms. Cumpsten added, the WSHS has possession of many artifacts, and it is their desire to turn those items over to the Town for proper storage and preservation. It is also their hope to move more to a consulting role within the community. The group shared details of other activities they have sponsored in the past.

Ms. Straube noted Dr. Jerry Siebert, the International President of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will be at the Art & Heritage Center on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. He will present a lecture on the lives of these immigrants; many of whom made Windsor their first home in America. She invited the HPC to attend if possible.

Ms. Lohry told of requirements to host at least two public events annually, and invited the WSHS to get involved in the upcoming Historic Church Tour, tentatively planned for some time in June or July. Ms. Straube expressed interest in the Tour, and shared ideas to locate more information about the churches. She also expressed a desire to gather old photos and publish a book. She shared a similar book highlighting photos from the Fort Collins area, "*The Miller Photographs*" and asked that the HPC help the WSHS take on that project. Ms. Lohyr noted the HPC could put out a call for photos, and would likely collect enough photos to create such a book.

#### **5. Communications from Chairperson and Commission.**

Ms. Lohry thanked the WSHS for their attendance at this meeting.

#### **6. Communications form Town Board liaison.**

Mr. Bishop-Cotner told the Commission he has been attending school, and has missed several meetings because of that commitment. He expressed excitement to now be able to become more active with the Commission, noting they have made significant changes over the past few years, and he looks forward to new direction and enthusiasm from the Commission. He also highlighted a new program before the Board that proposes a \$5000 rebate to the first 60 new home buyers, designed as a local economic stimulus program. He encouraged members to vote on April 6; and briefly reviewed candidates and the ballot question to be considered by the voters.

#### **7. Communications from Town Staff.**

There were no additional communications.

**8. Adjourn.**

**Ms. Squicquero moved to adjourn; Mr. Phinney seconded the motion.  
All members voted Aye.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director of the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation conducted the Council of Local Governments Annual Review following the business meeting.

**CERTIFICATION:**

Approved by the Windsor Historic Preservation Commission on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2010.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary C. Lee".

Mary C. Lee  
Deputy Town Clerk