



RE: spider house

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Re: meanie

I knew what you meant. I was saying you weren't just concerned.

What did you think of the core beliefs meeting? what about david?

Did it make you feel more justified in some of your positions? It did me.

Re: additions

But are there historic structures that can have additions made to them? I want to preclude the possibility. "If it's been designated then it's done, no penthouses etc." I don't think we owe someone value. It was bad enough they delisted la cocina, but if they'd have allowed it to be designated and then allowed a motherlode addition, then that's not any good either.

I feel after those meetings more justified in being aggressive.

We'll have to talk.

jack

Jack

Amy Guthrie <amyg@ci.aspen.co.us> wrote:

I have learned a new word today (accretion.) :)

Actually, one of the important standards in hp is that additions, like the Collins Block canopy, can become a significant part of the building. Here are the two guiding principals, which kind of conflict with each other:

Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

So you may have a Victorian era commercial building that had a great Art Deco storefront added to it and both become important. I don't advocate for stripping everything back to the original, but additions need to be evaluated as to whether they do contribute to the building and I don't know that the Collins block canopy really does, but it isn't awful either. I hope you understood below that I was calling myself a meanie for suggesting this be removed, not you!

I did not support the Motherlode project being granted Conceptual approval at HPC and I'm sorry they approved it frankly.

The Collins Block already has a penthouse on it as you probably know. There were lengthy discussions of how to keep the height down so it couldn't be seen. I don't think it will be allowed to