

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

August 20, 1998

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Laura McClow, Janice Downing & Lyda Hardy.

Guest Present: Colleen Hannon

New Business:

Colleen presented information that the City is pursuing a grant to renovate City Hall. She requested a letter of support from the HPC board to send with their paperwork. The deadline is October 1. They are trying for a 3-year historic grant of \$900,000. Their cost estimates show \$60,000 for the exterior. That is a priority for 1999, along with remodeling the staircase and lobby, and removing the spanish tiles. Then, phase 2 is remodeling the finance and clerk offices. Phase 3, is the upstairs, and phase 4, is getting the elevator to the basement. In 1998, they need to do an electrical evaluation now. The boiler has asbestos, and the basement has arsenic and lead in the walls and floors. The board approved of the letter of support for Colleen.

Next, Colleen reported that the Forest Service would be sending a pack mule team to Brown's Cabin to clean out all of the furnishings inside(stove, hand tools, etc.). Right now they are not demolishing it, just cleaning up the area. It was mentioned that the Stamp Mill was more unique to the area, and should be considered on the Endangered Places list.

The next item discussed was the Rozman Ranch house on the way to Mt. CB. Mitch sent a copy, of the letter he sent to the owner in Texas, to the Land Trust. Now there has been a newspaper article on the "remodeling" of the property. After much discussion, it was suggested to write an editorial regarding the board's purpose and to let the public know we are there to help. We need to include that Gunnison and Crested Butte already have an IGA with Gunnison County in place.

Mitch told the board about using the program the City has on their Web page. He did not have the time to add photos and descriptions today, but would have at our next meeting. Lyda

offered to help and would involve students who are interested in this project.

Next, someone asked about the school houses at the Buffington property. Mitch reported that Mac told him the owners are ready to have them moved. Not knowing if the schools have been sitting at this site for more than 50 years, we would have no idea if they are eligible for grant money, to move them to the Pioneer Museum.

Another discussion regarding properties up Ohio Creek took place, but no one had any new information on preserving some of them.

Laura had some show and tell from the Quarry tour. She said there were only about 20 people because of the weather concerns. She mentioned that we would discuss the Colorado Preservation 2000 Goals next time.

Next, Laura showed everyone the brochure that is ready for printing. There was a discussion on what type of paper to use. It was recommended not to have flecks in it, that maybe a tan color be used. She told everyone it had been decided to print 5000 to start with.

Mitch read the letter of the Haystack Cave nominated for the Colorado Register. It said it was in the vicinity of Gunnison, but told of no owners. He thought it might be the caves around Almont that have paintings in them. Janice said she would call to find out who owns &/or nominated this.

Laura reported that the rock culverts above the Great Wall were being written up for nomination by Mary Ann Tarr. She has photographed these, and is working on the paperwork for designation. She wants to submit this by October 1. Laura showed everyone a book she had with her of the Great Rock Wall and all of the railroad grades already documented. It was asked if we could add to or expand a designated site. Because of all the work being done in that area, Janice was concerned if the BOCC would defend the fact that these sites are to be untouched. As of last word, Gary Christopher already put the first plaque in place.

Then, Laura reported that she called about the mining surveys, and found out that it is an ongoing project for the Division of Minerals and Geology. She is still working on getting all the sites correct to send them in soon. It was reported that the Endangered Places list for next year has a deadline of October 1, so everyone is to bring ideas next time.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be September 17, 1998.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING:

1. Web site photos & descriptions
2. Research on Buffington schools
3. CO Preservation 2000 Goals
4. Rock culverts nomination (Mary Ann Tarr)
5. Endangered Places list ideas
6. CO Centennial Farms CD
7. CLG Designation
8. CPI Annual Meeting