

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

September 17, 1998

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Mac McGraw, Janice Downing & Lyda Hardy.

Guest Present: Mary Anne Tarr

If there are items incorrect, or that I missed please help me on this. The tape was very bad in parts of it!

New Business:

Mitch told about the web site. It now has the photographs on it. We need to put together the paragraphs for each photo, and include our logo.

Mac reported on the Buffington school, and some of it's history. It was built around 1891. There was quite a lengthy discussion on whether to move it to the Museum or not, and whether the owners would be interested in grants to preserve it at it's present site. More questions will be asked of the owners, and other information will be reported to HPC at a later date.

Next, Mitch called on Mary Anne Tarr to report on her nomination of the Rock Culverts. She had maps to show the location of these, along with lots of documentation. There are 3 culverts at this location, called the 'Big Balloon Loop'. She said the first is on the lower end on the loop, and is a working culvert. The second is at the back of the loop, and she climbed down to it. The third is the highest, and is a two-channel culvert. It is mostly intact, but there is a hole and some rubble has fallen in. These have some water running through them, but there is also water running out around them. The start of this construction was in the years 1881 & 1882, but then it was stopped due to the D&RG going to Gunnison along with the construction of the Alpine Tunnel. In 1892, the work was resumed, but soon abandoned. The trails into these culverts are also on her nomination forms, because she feels these are important too. The railbeds could be designated historic trails, and the culverts as historic sites. The public hearing will be scheduled for October 15, at 6:00 pm.

Janice reported on the CPI Endangered Places list. After discussions about an historic building in Marble with a commissioner, the manager, and a lady in Marble, Janice is letting CPI take the ball on this one. A discussion then ensued on letting commissions know what we are all about, and that we would like to be notified when something historical is on their agendas. It was suggested to have an informative and educational meeting with them, and let these commissions know we would like to discuss historic preservation with the owners of those properties. Janice also told about the Lewis Mill site in Telluride. It is now on the Endangered Places list.

Next, it was discussed that designated sites already listed on the State & National Registers should automatically be added to our register. Someone suggested we should have the County Attorney write an amendment to include such occurrences.

The CHS is bringing a CLG workshop to Lake City. Janice will be working with them, and since we are wanting to finish the work on our own, she encouraged everyone to attend this.

Then, Mac told about the 'Haystack Cave' near Blue Mesa Reservoir. He said the original name was Arrowhead Ridge. He also talked about the trail over the Los Pinos and through the Indian Agency. Next, he spoke of the 3 gravesites in Union Park, the Cochetopa gravesite, and the cow camps. Mitch encouraged Mac to fill out the paperwork on nominating all of these sites, and to bring them next time.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be October 15, 1998.

Public Hearing on Rock Culverts to be during our meeting on October 15, at 6:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 15 MEETING:

1. Plan web site worksession
2. Colorado 2000 Goals
3. CO Centennial Farms CD
4. Letter for Brochures
5. Resolution amendment
6. CLG Workshop in Lake City
7. 6:00 Public Hearing-Rock Culverts

