

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

May 21, 1998

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Laura McClow, & Mac McGraw.

Old Business:

Everyone reported on HP Week. Most everything went well, and all had good comments on the week. Laura reported on the progressive dinner in Gunnison. She said that it was well attended and that there were a lot of great foods to sample. Along with Mac's sausage, there was smoked trout and salmon. Then the main course was at Cattleman's and the dessert was at the City Hall. Laura explained that the cake was in the shape of City Hall, and it was good too.

Mitch reported on the dinner in CB. He said it went well, and everyone had a good time. He thinks it can be repeated every year with more success each time.

There were a few suggestions for next year. One was to have the posters printed 3 weeks prior, so as to have better publicity. And to have an article to the CHS in time for their printing. Another was to have scenes of local history acted out during one evening's activities. It was suggested to investigate the possibility of the 'lodging tax money' being available to have good actors, and a good screen play written for the 'Early Day Drama'. Laura will check with Anne Steinbeck for original plays from the Opera House. Also, we need more exposure in the papers, on the radios and more on the bank marquee.

New Business:

Mitch brought up the fact that the plaques are not in demand. Maybe we need more incentives. It should be made public that the local designations can be eligible for State funds.

Also, Kathy reported on the findings of the Web sites with the City, College and commercial entities. Mitch made a motion to go with the City for a Web site, and Laura 2nd it. The motion passed. Mitch will follow up with the Chief of Police to get it set up.

There was a discussion on the printing of brochures. Laura said we were waiting on the web site name. The Chamber had made a suggestion to Laura on how many they would recommend. It was decided to have 5000 printed at first.

It was also decided to join the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mitch thought it would be a great research tool to be available to the public. Laura knows that our Public Library does not get these publications. Kathy will take care of it.

Two more sites that need to be worked on are the Ohio City Jail and the CB Jail. Laura said Harv Rees was interested in working on the Ohio City Jail nomination.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be June 18, 1998.

We will try for a field trip to Union Park on June 13, if the roads are passable. We may visit the 2 Quarries in July, and the Schools in August.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 18 MEETING:

1. Old Spanish Trail information
2. More field trips to plan
3. Web page information