

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

June 17, 1999

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Ruth Dolezal, Lyda Hardy,
Dave Primus & Mac McGraw

Guest Present: Katy Metzler

New Business:

Mitch started off the meeting talking about information Dan Corson left us with last month. He felt Dan thought our meetings were too informal, and we need to run them more professionally. Mitch emphasized that we don't have much public turnout, and so we have stayed fairly casual. He thought we needed to have more official openings and closings. Mac thought that the meetings as a board are sufficient, as long as we comply with the State. And that we don't need to become a CLG.

Mitch then related what he feels we need to accomplish with our meetings. And one of the things he feels that is urgent is to have a survey. Both Ruth & Dave felt that the minutes just need to reflect that all the minutes are complete, and the motions are done correctly.

Mac suggested that if we have more state people show up, that we keep it more formal. Mitch thought that if we start having more public coming, we need to keep things more in line. Ruth told how she understands the 'old timers' like things to be more informal.

Next, Lyda told about an article in the paper about a meeting in CB, re: survey. Mitch said he was going. He said Molly wrote the grant for this, and the Town of CB put up 75%. Next, it was discussed to have some grant writers come to our next meeting. If we decide to have someone write it, we would like to go to the BOCC to ask about hiring that person. Then, Mitch told everyone that the Western Resource Development people did the survey for CB, and that we might like them to come and do a presentation on their completed survey. To apply for a survey grant from CHS, the local BOCC needs to put up matching funds. Also, we could maybe get some fund raising from Rotary, etc; to show community support in this endeavor. Dave made a motion to have many proposals for

writing the survey grant, so we can apply to CHS for grant funds.
Ruth second it. Motion passed.

Then, Lyda told about the BLM getting a grant to "stabilize and preserve historic structures and excavate 2 mining camps". She wasn't sure if they were in San Juan and Gunnison County, or just in San Juan. Others told about Smith Hill and Buckley mines needing attention.

Our next item was HP Week. Mitch told us that Molly said there was to be an "Old Timers" get-together in CB in early August. Someone suggested September for our week, so school would be back in session. That way we could include the walking tours. Also, let us not forget Colleen's suggestion of signs on yards. We can still coordinate with Molly. Mac told us that the hotel still wants to have the storytelling there. He had contacted Bill Sunderlin and Anne Steinbeck. So everyone agreed to set a week for this. It was decided on September 12-19, and for the others involved to be informed. Mac suggested for us not to finalize this until August. Everyone is to bring more ideas next month.

Katy Metzler was present to find out exactly what the board wished for the interns to get started on. Ruth told of the sites up Willow and Gold Creeks. Dave suggested to have them do some research on a site. Ruth has an old mine book with lots of information. Mitch suggested to pick one site, and focus on it. Lyda suggested to have a couple of ideas, in case of getting stuck on one, they could have something else to work on. She had Mac tell Katy about the 3 gravesites in Union Park, and the 1 on Kebler Pass. Others suggested Carter Mine, Raymond Mine, Gold Links Mine, Bon Ton Mine, Pitkin Cemetery, the Cemetery west side of the Gunnison River, and a W mountain site. Mitch told Katy that our budget could reimburse them for photo copies and gas money for travel to these sites.

Next, Dave told how he would like to work on the informational sign at Jack's Cabin. He said he talked with Lee Spann, and found out that Lee would like the sign off of Hwy 135, and on his property. Someone suggested to have an "historic marker" sign on the Hwy with an arrow. Dave told how Lee got a photo and had it enhanced of the original cabin, store, etc. He would like to use it on the sign. He thought it would be an etched metal sign like the Park Service signs. It would also include text. And he would like it to be a site on the county register. Dave also would like to work on the signs for the

railroad beds up Ohio Pass. He will be checking on the grant information and report back of his findings.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be July 15, 1999.

There will be a state-wide CPI meeting in Gunnison on September 25. More details to follow.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 15 MEETING:

1. Grant writers for survey
2. More HP Week ideas
3. Info on signage grants
4. Attending CPI meeting
5. Field trips
6. Budget work session