

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

August 19, 1999

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

Guest Present: Sarah Lull, Katy Metzler, Mary Hansen, Mary
Anne Tarr, Allen Hedin & Janice Downing

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting.

New Business:

Mary Anne Tarr told about the Trails Commission's community celebration, on Sunday, September 26. She asked if we could be co-hosts for this. She said this would start at 1:00 at the trailhead, on Ohio Creek Road. It was discussed to try for vans from Gunnison & Crested Butte, so as not to have too many cars to park in the area. Mary Anne is also working with Ray Rossman to get the paperwork started on the State & Nat'l designation on the Rock Culverts.

Next, Janice Downing talked about writing a grant for a county-wide survey. She said that the historic context that Susan Eskew put together was not a survey. Janice also told us that we needed to know what it was we were wanting in the survey. She said the common questions for these were: Why are we wanting the top 10 sites?, What are the themes, & what to start with?, What criteria are we looking for?, Will this be paid for hourly?, How many hours will it take?, & Can this "inventory" be coordinated with the USFS, BLM & Nat'l Park Service? We had a great discussion on this. It was suggested that we start with the State printout (on CD), and talk with 'Old Timers' (knowledgeable people) about the histories of the 'top 10' sites. We also need to include in the survey the structural assessment of each site; and the significant historical landscapes.

After discussing how much this survey might cost, it was reported that the Colorado Historical Society will reward grant money for multi-year projects, as long as there is significant matching funds from the commissioners. In our budget information, we need to include an amount for grant writing, an amount over a number of years for a survey, and an amount for a digital camera.

When writing the grant, it will need to have our efforts included, such as: letters of support, and approvals from commissioners.

Next, we discussed the CPI meeting on September 25. Janice is in need of helpers on that day, from 11 - 4 at the Arts Center. She also informed us that CPI gives out scholarships, 5 to High School students & 5 to College students. It would be very beneficial for students to be a part of the activities that day; and can pick up applications soon.

We then heard from Allen Hedin, member of the City of Gunnison Historic Preservation Committee. He told about how the City is helping with the CPI meeting, and HP week. He said they are trying to put together a display for the walking tour, to include before & after pictures of some of the buildings. Also, that there will be a Tax Credit Seminar on Monday, September 20 at 7:00 pm with Dan Corson presenting that. He also explained that their committee is trying to get more publicity, so the public is more aware of what is going on during the week. Allen also told about how the City is looking at other districts who have put together surveys, etc.; and how Nat'l Historic districts differ from Zoning districts. And the area they are including would be approximately 200 N. Main to 200 S. Main, and 200 E. Virginia to 200 W. Virginia. They want to have some sort of design guidelines in place before pursuing their survey.

Then we heard from our Interns. Katy read the poem someone wrote about the girl buried on Kebler Pass. Mary talked about reading about W Mountain, and seeing the plaque at the museum. Some more ideas were presented to the girls for future research, such as: Gold Links property (including the bunk house & mining buildings), Carter mine (burned 20 years ago), Raymond mine (torn-down & re-done), and the Roosevelt mine (which is intact).

Dave reported on his progress on the signage grant writing. He is working on getting the permission from the USFS to put up the signs. They will have to follow their design guidelines.

We then discussed the budget. It was decided to ask for \$1500 to write the grant for the survey, and 50% for matching funds for the signs. Also, we are to inform the BOCC that we will be asking for 50% of \$30 - \$50,000 over the next few years to complete the survey. We set a day & time to meet with John

McBride, County Finance Director, to go over all of this with him.

We also discussed finishing the narrative to hand in with the budget, to include what we are co-hosting this year along with what we are trying to achieve next year for signs & survey.

Our final slate of activities for HP Week will be: September 17-26, with Sunday, 19th as CB's progressive dinner at 5:30, Monday, 20th as Dan Corson's seminar at 7:00, Tuesday, 21st as Storytelling at 7:00, school tours mid-week, Saturday, 25th as CPI's meeting all day, and Sunday, 26th as Ohio Creek celebration at 1:00.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be September 16, 1999.

The budget meeting with John McBride went very well, and we have turned in all of our budget paperwork to the Finance Office.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING:

1. Mary Anne Tarr, re: Union Park Cow Camp
2. Preparations and prizes for HP Week
3. Update on signage grant writing
4. Survey grant writing update
5. Schedule meeting with Dan Corson
6. Go over mail