

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

December 16, 1999

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

Guest Present: Ray Rossman, USFS

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting.

New Business:

Ray Rossman presented the nomination of the Bomber Crash Site. This event happened on July 19, 1943, located up Taylor Canyon between Lodgepole and Cold Spring Campgrounds. There were 11 on board, 10 crew members and 1 flight surgeon. It was 1 1/2 hours out of Casper. There were 2000 gallons of fuel on board, so everything burned. Some of the tail section was found near the Taylor River, the rest was up the hillside. In 1993, there was a 50th anniversary ceremony held at the site. Ray then showed slides of all of the wreckage that is left there, taken by Frank Vader about 2 months ago. The stated reason for the crash was "structural tail failure". We then set a date for the public hearing on January 6, 2000 at 5:00pm, here in the BOCC room. Kathy will put the notice in the paper, and Ray will post it on the property.

Dave then told about going to the budget hearing, and the County Commissioners never got to the signage discussion, while he was there for 1 1/2 hours. Kathy will call Kelly for information on what happened.

Lyda went over the information on the CLG packet. She says it is not too hard to complete the application. She said we are already doing most of what is required. Even though there are a number of requirements, the only item that you "must" do is to participate in nominating properties for the National Register. Because our board is supposed to have members with certain degrees, or have people available to contact with these degrees, we can put together a list of those. Ray Rossman volunteered to be one of our contacts as a reference person available to us. He is a Physical Anthropologist/Archeologist, and his title is 'Heritage Resource Manager'. Our other people are Laura (McClow)

Kindseth, Architecture and Mark Stiger, Archeology. It was a consensus to proceed with the application. We will need to have the lead commissioner sign off on this.

The next item discussed was the language in the resolution about alterations, maintenance and compliance. Many members have run into stumbling blocks with property owners not wanting regulations 'hanging over them' if they wish to change the use of their land at a later date. We decided to add the statement, "In order to maintain landmark designation:", to the parts III, IV, and V on pages 6 and 8 in our resolution. Dave will look up the State and National applications to compare the language regarding alterations, etc. It was discussed to invite the County Planner and the Building Inspector to come to one of our next meetings to visit about these topics.

We then discussed the rest of the budget for the year. After purchasing the books, and finishing the bills, we are going to wait to order more plaques until next year. Also, the only board openings are 1 three-year term and 1 alternate. The City HPC would like one of our members to be the liaison between the 2 HPC boards.

Our next topic was the Old Spanish Trail. Lyda came across a person at a book festival to talk to about getting a small group in Gunnison started. She will contact them to come over to give a presentation. Even if we don't designate them, we need to at least put these on a published list to document them.

Kathy went over the rest of the mail, and Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be January 20, 2000.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 20 MEETING:

1. Working on CLG application?
2. Change language in resolution?
3. Write letter to USFS as a party of record?
4. Old Spanish Trail Association report
5. Go over mail