

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

April 15, 1999

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

Guests Present: Laura McClow, Ray Rossman, Colleen Hannon,
Estella Cole & Mark Wolfe (both from CHS).

New Business:

Everyone welcomed Dave as a new board member. Dave told about his background, and being on the Arts Council. Mitch told of our goals, and briefly how we register sites.

More of the sites in and around Gunnison County were discussed. One site that Mac talked about was the W on Tenderfoot. He believes it was constructed in 1923. Everyone agreed that public sites are more available to tourists than private homes, etc.

Mark and Estella told about grants available for both the city and county sites. They told about public and non-profit entities administering grants for private individuals. They also told about giving more grants to commercial properties than to private, because of more use and public awareness available. Also, that there are state tax incentives, along with some federal tax incentives. Many grants and awards are given every year throughout the state, according to the Secretary of the Interior standards. There is a list of publications from the CHS for people to research their property.

Then, Estella and Mark talked about the historic survey that could be a funded project, to organize sites geographically that are here, and would be useful in many ways. It would include the oldest layout of the commercial district, then the residential as it grew. If we wanted to apply for grant; and if it's under \$10,000, and the BOCC could fund up to 25%, for up to 18 months; then it's almost a sure thing that it would be available to us. The grant paperwork would be due in October.

Next, we discussed ideas for the HP Week. The input of ideas was great among all attending. These were: photo contests, yard

signs, driving tours, walking tours, alley tours, school involvements, workshops, and (last, but not least) storytelling. There are also public education grants available for some of the tours, brochures, etc.

Another idea talked about for HP Week was our poster. We decided on using the same business from last year. Laura said she would work on getting it designed, and adding all the events to it. After much discussion, and many thoughts brought forward, the board decided to hold 'Gunnison County HP Week' sometime in June.

We will be working together to get coordinated on dates for all areas concerned. And everyone needs to bring prizes!

Many discussions followed on some of the sites that are priorities: Union Park Gravesites, Union Park Cow Camp, WWII Bomber crash site, Cochetopa gravesite, Kebler Pass gravesite, 1st schoolhouse, 1st ski area, railroad bridges, Forest Service building, W. Tomichi school, etc. The interpretive signage grants are available. And we can work on getting interns for help.

The survey lists are still needed. These would include a few pages on each site, along with year built, any changes made, etc.

It would be an evaluation of what's out there. Mitch talked about getting funding for the survey. If all the entities would go together, we might be able to hire someone part-time.

Others talked about working on nominations, and having plaques, awards and other incentives here locally. Estella told about one community that gives 'structure of merit' awards. There is no plaque, but an 'important to the community' emphasis put on the property. These could be included on the web site as a list of "interesting sites" to visit.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be May 20, 1999.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 20 MEETING:

1. Dan Corson - CLG information
2. Funding for signage-Lee Spann property
3. Discuss HP Week planning
4. Internship possibilities