

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

April 20, 2000

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

Guests Present: Norma Davis, Marian Hicks, Wes Bailey, Harley  
Tripp, Ken & Jan Kenlon & Colleen Hannon

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves, and told which board and/or application representative they were. He went over the minutes, and asked if anyone had any corrections.

New Business:

We started off by hearing reports and comments on the Railroad Exhibit nomination. After it was presented to the City HPC, then it went on to the City Council. That report from the City was unanimously favorable, and forwarded on to the County HPC. Colleen included a copy of the City Council's approval in her staff report to our board. Jan added that she thinks it would be a shame if it was not preserved. She believes it will bring in some more tourism, and should be listed in some magazines. Colleen reported that if the Railroad Exhibit is designated, then the applicants (Pioneer Museum), can get \$70,000 of the T-21 money over a 3 year cycle from Region 10 of the State Department of Transportation to completely restore the engine, etc. If that money is not used for this, it will go to building trails (or something else) in the County. Everyone complimented the applicants on a wonderful job of research for this nomination. After more discussion, it was decided to have the Public Hearing on May 18 at 5:15, during the beginning of our next meeting.

Next, we talked about having some HP Week activities in May, even though we are doing most of the events in September. Molly may have some workshops in the summer. Colleen reported that Bob Gillie, Assistant Town Manager of Crested Butte, asked to have Barbara Pahl speak on behalf of the National Trust, to get residents excited about doing more preservation. This might be on May 15, 16, or 18th. And the City and CB want to co-sponsor the week with the County. Lyda will have the kids at school work on a tri-fold display.

Our next topic was the Bon Ton Hotel. Ruth brought the signed card from the owner to waive our Public Hearing, and have it go on to the BOCC. Lyda made a motion that we recommend the Bon Ton Hotel for county designation to the BOCC. Ruth 2nd the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mac reported on the brochure layout he has been working on. The consensus was for him to make it totally graves. He had met with the owner of B&B, and found out they would do it at cost. Lyda will be going with Mac to B&B, to get the proofs worked out. Dave will be working on one about railroads. Lyda has been working on the outhouses. The other suggestions were: depots, churches, schools, & mines. We also discussed putting a map on the back for people to find each of these sites in the county. We need to note that they are printed by B&B, at cost. It was unanimous by the board members to incur this expense in this year's budget.

Then, Mac offered to do his slide show presentation during our HP Week activities in both May and September. He has many fun stories that go along with the pictures that he likes to tell.

Next, we discussed our field trip plans. After many ideas were talked about, we tentatively set June 3rd at 9:00 am, to go over to the Cochetopa and Saguache areas. This will include the Old Indian Agency and the Spanish Trail. Everyone decided we would bring a sack lunch, and invite the public. We will meet at the Pioneer Museum to caravan. Then the next one would be June 17th, to maybe go to Crested Butte & Irwin. Our other possibilities are July 15 for Ohio City & Pitkin, and July 29, August 5 and August 19th.

Dave reported on the progress of the signs. He told about sending a photo to Salt Lake, and that the Forest Service would have to approve the proof before he could have it finalized. Dave would also like a dedication, picture and article in the papers when this all happens.

We also talked about the plaques that we need to present, the Fairview School and the Bomber Crash site, and to have the newspapers take pictures and write an article when we do this.

Lyda told a little about going to see the Rim Rock School, and how it was unique in it's shape. It is located close to the county line by Cimarron. Others want to stop to see it also.

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

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be May 18, 2000.

Colleen will try to have the big van for us all to travel in to Crested Butte to hear Barbara Pahl.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 18 MEETING:

1. Railroad Exhibit Public Hearing
2. Dave's report on Signage
3. Mac's brochures, etc.
4. Go over mail
5. Caravan to Crested Butte for a speaker