

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

September 21, 2000

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

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting.

New Business:

Mitch reported Mac had received a phone call from Eileen Kaser, owner of the Rim Rock School house. Someone drove by the school, and said there is no activity going on as of yet. Eileen told Mac that she wanted the commission to write a letter in support, so she could apply for a grant, since she is already on the State register. Lyda and Ruth brought up ideas about not doing this unless she gets on our register. It might set a precedent. The board agreed not to write the letter, as it may 'open a can of worms'. Kathy will call her and encourage her to proceed with our nomination forms, so she can be listed on our own register. The Museum had heard from her wanting their support, and turned the matter over to Mac. He said he would call her, also.

The next item discussed was the final draft of the Ohio Pass sign. Dave needed a final approval from this board. Lyda made a motion, and Ruth 2nd it, to approve the final draft. The vote was unanimous.

Mitch then talked about the information from Janice Downing. Janice is concerned that if we apply for a survey grant, it would be considered doing the same thing as before, and we would not be eligible for more money. Lyda reported that Janice had called her, and said all we have to show for the grant were the notebooks. And that we could not apply for another building inventory. So, the grant writing has been put 'on-hold', until further investigation.

Then, the next thing brought up by the board was the fact that we got a letter stating we will be going over budget, and that's a no-no. Mitch told everyone that he believed that we had always been under budget, and this was the first year that it looked like we would be over. Lyda talked about some of the possibilities of keeping

us on track. She told that some of the ideas were not to proceed with the outhouses brochure, or not to proceed with the grant writing. Mitch suggested that we bump the grant writing to next year, and talk about it then. The board agreed. Then, Lyda suggested that we work on finding out what we do have (in the notebooks, etc.), and maybe going on ahead with applying for CLG. That way we could get more funding for surveys without so much hassle from the County. The board agreed that we need to get back to the CLG application, and we should set up a worksession to do this. Lyda told that we got an updated CLG handbook in the mail.

The next item discussed was the outhouses brochure. After having decided not to do the grant writing at this time, it was approved by the board to have Lyda continue working on her outhouses brochure. We can go ahead and print those.

Next, Mitch brought up the thought that if we will be looking towards getting the survey done, we should start by ‘dusting off’ the notebooks. Lyda suggested that we classify what we want to look at first, such as: ranches, Indian ruins, railroads, mines, etc., and maybe apply for the survey grants in a certain order. Mitch said he could see us doing these in chronological order, from the oldest (Paleo-Indian) sites to the newest (50 yrs old). He said since we have such talented workers out there trying to uncover such wonderful sites, that this is how we should get started.

Lyda then reported on some of the HP week activities. She attended some of the presentation by Mac (and others) to the 4th graders. She said it was impressive. Ruth also reported that the participants said it went well.

Next, Lyda told about the Tuesday evening presentation that Dave and her attended. She said that Jim Lindberg from the National Trust had put on a slide show. It was about Main Streets and Historic Preservation. He showed Nat'l Landmarks that were out-of-context, such as in the middle of parking lots, etc. Some of these now have these huge buildings surrounding them, and are being left vacant. Also, he presented an historic overview of old Main streets. He showed how downtowns changed after the automobile became such a part of everyday life. The old store fronts were changed to appeal to the drive-by passengers. At that time, the traffic engineers had more say than the downtown store owners and the chambers of commerce.

Lyda also told about the Main street program, that was presented by Jim Lindberg, on Tuesday evening. It is revitalizations planned for next year, with 4 pilot cities. The cities chosen will be announced on February 2 & 3, at the CPI conference, where there will be 600 people in attendance. There will be consultations with those downtown store owners, to work on achieving the proposed 'before the 50's look'. Maybe taking off the false fronts and having beautiful buildings again. Downtown Denver is going to work some on this also, and have people living in the 2nd story levels. It's getting the whole downtown working together! There could even be separate blocks having different time periods depicted. Mitch thought this could raise consciousness of what's still around within growing cities. He told how he sees Crested Butte, as having not changed during the 50's, and now it's one of the real treasures. It's not a re-creation because it has original buildings and outbuildings. Then Lyda told about another program that the National Trust is working on, and that is Restoration of old Barns. She believes this could generate some interest in our county.

Next, everyone was encouraged to attend this evenings' activities at the Museum and the Arts Center. Then, Mitch told about the Progressive Dinner in CB, and that it was to be on Sunday. He said when he talked to Molly, she still had some tickets left. Next, Lyda went over the mail from CHS. She said they have a slide show on the Secretary of Interior Standards, to educate members of boards on Rehabilitation. The National Park Service has put together a video that is 40 minutes long, and sells for \$15.00. Lyda made a motion that we purchase this, and Mitch 2nd it. The vote was unanimous. Kathy is to order this.

Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be October 19, 2000.

** Everyone is to bring their notebooks and reference books to the next meeting so we can decide what needs to go to the library.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 19 MEETING:

1. HP Week events review

2. Ohio City Jail presentation
3. Dave's sign update
4. Notebooks & reference books
5. Go over mail