

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

October 19, 2000

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

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting. He then asked if there were any changes to the minutes. One agenda item was added, and the minutes were approved.

New Business:

The first item discussed was the HP week activities. Mitch reported that he enjoyed the evening at the Arts Center. He said Mac McGraw's presentation was really good, and so was Bonnie Pitblado's talk. Everyone said there were good turnouts at our events. Lyda told that the Train exhibit had a great turnout, except for the key problem. Mitch said there were people from Montrose to see the train. Mac told that the presentations at the Center for the Arts were good, but they did not have enough time to tell everything. Bonnie had very interesting information about sites to present. And Lyda gave the left over snacks to the Arts Center to use at their next functions.

Kathy read the information sent to us from Colleen (City) and Molly (CB) on their activities. Colleen told about the turnout being poor for the Survey kickoff and the Nat'l Trust speaker. She had purchased ads, sent emails to the chamber, edc and flyers to the retail council, along with all the posters all over town. Colleen said the turnouts were 'a bit embarrassing'. She wondered if we should host events next year. Dave & Lyda told that the speaker, Jim Lindberg was good, but needed to be presenting his information to business owners. Next, Kathy read the information about Crested Butte. Molly said most everything went really well, especially the progressive dinner. And the storytelling was really a lot of fun and very interesting. Molly said the 4th grade teacher asked that the school tour be postponed. Also, Molly did have some problem trying to get building owners to open up for the tour. She would like to have some of her board members meet with our board next year to plan for the week. Molly would like to see the photo contest again next year. Also, the ideas brought up for next year were: to talk to Colleen about her idea for yard

signs, and to maybe consider a different week in September, so as not to conflict with all the other activities. We will make a file of these ideas to be able to refresh our memories during next year's planning. Lyda suggested that we should try not to do 'overkill'. We should do one thing, and do it well.

Next, Ruth presented her nomination packet on the Ohio City Jail. She had done much research, and it was very informative. The building was built in 1906, and is owned by the County. Ruth told about the happenings around the property, and that the County uses it in the winter time to store equipment. She had 3 letters of support from the Assistant Fire Chief, the Quartz Creek Improvement Association and the Gunnison County Public Works Director stating the importance of putting the property on the register. Lyda reported how cute the jail cells are. And Dave told about seeing it this summer on our tour. He said it was definitely worth preserving. Dave also thanked Ruth for doing all this research, and presenting it. The decision was to have the Public Hearing during our next meeting, November 16 at 5:15 pm.

The next item discussed was that a Barbara Mason had contacted a few of our board members, along with Mark Stiger about a possible archeological site. Dave said that the site hasn't been professionally verified as an "archeological site". This is located north of Gunnison, off Highway 135. Barbara will be pursuing the USFS and BLM to see who owns it, and if anyone wants to take on this project. Also, Kathy told that Mark Stiger informed her that they would not know any information on their archeological site grant applications until January 18.

Next, Dave told about the Jack's Cabin sign, at the Jack's Cabin townsite. Jack's Cabin was a stage stop and half-way house between Buena Vista and Gothic. It was started by Jack Howe and Ben Sherwood, around 1875(?). When the railroad came, this dissolved. The sign is now in place, and Dave will be heading up a dedication ceremony on Saturday, October 28 at 2:00 pm. The family of Ben Sherwood will be there. Kathy has requested that someone from the Times be there to take pictures, and write an article in conjunction with Dave. Mitch said that the CB News would put something in, and the Chronicle would also. And Dave will send the Shopper an article. We need to keep stating the fact that the CHS and the County both helped in funding this project, so we can possibly apply for more grants in the future. Dave told everyone the directions on finding the location, according to the ditch that is in place. Kathy will contact C-DOT for an application for a TODS

(Tourist Oriented Directional Sign) sign on Highway 135. Dave told that he hopes to have the other sign, up Ohio Creek, in place next spring.

Then, we had another discussion on the 'Historic Building Survey' grant project, "completed" by Ms. Eskew. After many opinions were voiced, we decided to wait for the paperwork to be found as to what criteria was met. We will be discussing that again, when we can go over the findings.

Lyda reported that Eileen Kaser had State designation on the Rim Rock School. Kathy told that Eileen thinks the County will be more restrictive than the State, when it comes to her trying to remodeling &/or upgrade. Eileen said Dan Corson told her she could 'do anything she wanted to do'. Kathy will check into what Dan Corson has to say, and what the State standards are. Also, she will find out what is enforced and by whom? And if the County Building Inspector has these guidelines to follow, whether the building is County, State or National designated.

Next, Kathy went over the mail. She had a bill from B&B for Mac's brochures. There was no charge on this. Mac told that B&B decided to do the brochures at no cost. We need to write a letter to B&B, for their generosity. Lyda will keep working on the outhouses brochure, and Dave is working on the railroads one. And it was suggested that we write up a news brief regarding our brochures, so the public could 'donate to the Preservation of Gunnison County'. Another piece of mail was about CLG updates. We will keep working on our application. Lastly, Kathy told about a letter from the Colorado Historical Restoration Contractors Association. She has received an Honorary Membership award in their association, for 'many years of protecting Colorado's historical integrity'. Everyone congratulated her.

Also, we were told that Harley Tripp requested that we have a joint meeting with our two boards, to go over some definitions and procedures.

Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be November 16, 2000.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 16 MEETING:

1. Ohio City Jail Public Hearing
2. Dave's report on the Dedication Ceremony
3. Previous Grant paperwork discussion
4. Information on State standards
5. Go over mail