

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

February 17, 2000

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

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the meeting. He welcomed the new alternate to our meetings. Also, he went over the minutes, and asked if anyone had any corrections.

New Business:

First, we had an election for the chairperson position. Mac made a motion to keep Mitch as chairman, and Ruth 2nd it. Mitch was voted unanimously to stay on one more year as chairman. He thanked everyone for their vote of confidence in him.

Lyda reported on the interns. Two of our interns are in Washington, DC. She told how all of the girls are busy right now. Kathy reported on the nice letter we had received from Sarah, regarding her wanting to be inactive until summer.

Next, we discussed our 'Project of the Year' ideas. Many people suggested sites, such as: the schoolhouse on Tomichi & 8th, the sod mule barn, the schoolhouse at Doyleville, the schoolhouse by Sargents, railroad trestles, the CB water tower, old mines, and an old airport. The one site agreed upon by all, was the 1st Fairview schoolhouse on Buffington's property. It dates back to 1891. Mac's research revealed that the upstairs was not the teacherage, but rather a library that Lewis Easterly put together for the children. It was decided to write a letter to the owners to see if they would donate the building to the Pioneer Museum. A suggestion of funding a shed in exchange might help. Also, if we would include the phrase that we are 'currently seeking a restoration project'; and have publicity along with a plaque to give the owners credit for their part.

Also, we talked about getting more signage for other sites. These included the Roosevelt Mine (which has most all of the old equipment on site), the Gold Links Mine, and the Raymond Mine (which still has a stove in the boarding house). We need to have a field trip up that way this summer. Mitch suggested we have a camera with us on our trips.

Then, it was suggested that we follow up on having the USFS put the Kebler Grave on the register, along with the Cochetopa Grave. Also, Lyda will check with the Legacy chairperson on what they have designated, and what owners might be interested in putting some of their buildings &/or sites on our register.

Another item that was discussed was putting together the CLG packet. Ruth, Lyda and Kathy are getting some of the required items together. We will have to be writing up the statements for some of the other requirements, and compiling our archives that pertain to the items we have already in place.

It was suggested that Mac put together a pamphlet with photos, maps, and anecdotes to be our fund-raiser for our Preservation Project of the Year. It would be interesting tales about the historic sites that can be visited on a tour around the county. We can also take excerpts from the newspapers about the sites.

Dave told about designing the signs, and then having them approved by the Forest Service. He and Ray Rossman are working together on the one for Ohio Creek. Dave explained how the photo for Jack's Cabin has cracks and a piece missing. He asked if we thought it should be fixed. It was unanimous not to have it fixed. Dave may check to see if the CHS has a copy of that photo. We will need to put together an article with pictures afterwards to thank the CHS and Gunnison County for their help in accomplishing this, and to have some more publicity for us.

Next, we discussed the definition of 'hardship' in the language of our resolution. Kathy will find out the County Attorney's opinion of how much 'teeth' there is, in the packet.

Ruth presented the application from the Bon Ton Hotel, previously listed on the State register. We decided Ruth needs to get a signature from the owner stating that she wants us to waive our public hearing. The BOCC still needs to follow their procedures and have their hearing.

Kathy went over the rest of the mail. Hazel told about the applications that the City's committee is reviewing, and Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be March 16, 2000.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 16 MEETING:

1. Building & Planning discussion
2. Old Spanish Trail report
3. Legacy information
4. New site information
5. Go over mail