

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

March 15, 2001

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Dave Primus & Harley Tripp

Mitch Evans officially opened the regular meeting. He asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Also, if there were any items to add to the agenda. Dave asked to add the Ohio Pass sign status to the agenda.

New Business:

Mitch reported the first item on today's agenda was the Dorchester Guard Station Public Hearing. He suggested that since no one was present at that moment, we should delay the Public Hearing until someone shows up. Everyone agreed.

Dave reported on the UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) information. He told how he had asked for a download of all the sites, except the archeological ones from CHS. That was all sent to him, and he put it into his mapping program. He said that it is completed, and all of Gunnison fits on one CD Rom. It would take a color printer for each quadrant to print it out and have it clearly and easily seen. This information can be loaded on your GPS. Someone out hiking could take the information with them, and check out these sites.

Next, Dave told about updating the text on the railroad brochure that he is working on. He wanted comments on the text, from the other board members. Dave wanted to use one of Mac's photos, but it was kind of small. He will get in touch with Mac again about the photo, to see if Mac has found the 8x10 of it. Dave will put a map on the back side, and may be one more photo. He will also update the information we had on the backs of the other brochures.

Another item Dave told about was the CPI conference he went to. He had a great time, and it was very well attended. Dave reported that it was well worth the time to be there. The topic covered was "Preserving Cultural Heritage", and Ben Nighthorse Campbell talked. The National Park Service talked about the Sand Creek Massacre site, and how they are working toward acquiring the site. Dave also attended an Historic Building Session during the conference. He learned about the

new technology such as: sound analysis through walls, and x-rays to see the joints and nails in the wood. This was all held in the REI building, which was originally the old Denver Tramway Corp., and then the old Forney Museum. An underground parking lot was put in to not obscure the outside views of this historic building. Mitch thanked Dave for the great report.

Harley reported that he went to the Heritage Tourism meeting on March 13. He said he had asked Betsy Byer to send Kathy information on the next meetings coming up. Harley told how the core group is working on an inventory of historic cultural interests in the area. There is a tremendous amount of information, and they are trying to figure out what they are going to do with it. Maybe they can put a reduced amount onto a web page. It would be broken up into 7 or 8 areas, including ranching, mining, water, crafts, etc. He said that our board, HPC, needs to request that the facilitator comes back, because we are a county entity. The facilitator will help us deal with the information when it is compiled. It was suggested that all of the information should be centralized in a way to get it all tied together. Dave mentioned that he could add the maps to our web page. Mitch suggested those could be put with our Register and photos. We could have many links to various informative sites, for promoting everything available. Also, some of the other commissions could be included to input their information, and make it a coordinated effort. Mitch also suggested that when we have a nomination presentation, we ask the people to bring in a photo and paragraph for our web site.

The next item that Harley told about was getting the City and County commissions together for a meeting. He recommends a joint project rather than just a meeting. The possibility of working on a web site together, or some aspect of putting lots of information to good use would be well received. He thought having a definite agenda would be much more productive. Dave said we need a common goal. Along the lines of the Tourism information, Dave thinks that Crested Butte is such a good draw (historically), even beyond the ski resort bringing them into the area, that we should be working on that aspect of it. Mitch said he feels since the ski resort is separating themselves from the local tourism efforts, that even the CB Chamber is looking for ways to work on bringing in more people to the area.

Kathy reported about the Storytelling event that is tentatively set for May 12 at 7:00 pm. She said that she had to send information to the publication even though we didn't have all the details yet. After discussing it with Mac, here is what was put

in: title - Storytelling, head organizer - Mac, length of time - 2 hours, subject - get together with “old timers”, RSVP - April 30, ages - 10-110, location - to be determined, fee - donations accepted towards a specific cause, wheelchair accessible - we would try. The Arts Center is not available, and any last minute details we may have, might get published in that closest publication. Kathy only put in the street address for the RSVP’s. Mitch suggested that we have a commission email address, that could be for RSVP’s, etc. Maybe the local Chamber would be helpful in promoting this type of activity with their schedule of events, but we don’t know what the charges might be. Even the College’s activity calendar should be checked, to see if any events could be coordinated.

The next item was about Dave’s progress on the Ohio Pass interpretive sign. He brought in a proof of what it will look like. The manufacturer had a concern that the map on it may have lines that are too fine to be seen well in bright sunlight. Dave highlighted the major lines like Lake Irwin, Mt. Carbon, the Railroad bed and the County road. He is pushing this, because of having the final approvals from the Forest Service, the CHS and HPC, and then it will take time for it to be made. Dave would like for it to be finished and in place before the snow flies next fall. It was suggested to get an historical marker road sign put up next year from the County, for people to stop and see it.

Mitch suggested to have another Public Hearing for the Dorchester Guard Station, since no one showed up. If it works with Ray Rossman, we will have it at our next meeting.

Then, Kathy went over the mail. One letter was from the American Association for State & Local History. It seems to be sponsored by the National Trust, but not from the National Trust. The consensus was not to join this.

Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

Mac told Kathy that he has tentatively set up the following places for Storytelling: the Arts Center before May 12, Quigley Hall (to hold up to 95), the Library (20-25), and the Columbine Victorian Hotel. These are all dependent on the RSVP’s we receive before May 1.

The next regular meeting will be April 19, 2001.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 19 MEETING:

1. Dorchester Guard Station Public Hearing
2. Storytelling update
3. Railroad brochure update
4. Summer field trips?
5. HP week ideas?
6. Go over mail