

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

May 17, 2001

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

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the regular meeting. He asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The items added were the Ohio Pass Sign, the report of the storytelling night and the interview questionnaire. Mitch then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none, and the minutes were approved.

New Business:

Dave told about his railroad brochure is at B&B. He got permission from the Denver Public Library for the use of the pictures. The quality was not good off the net, so he will order them. Dave will call and set up a time for some of the board to view the final draft. The cost of the previous brochure was a question, and Dave will check on that.

Mac told about the Storytelling night. There were 24 people in attendance. Everyone expressed that it went well. We do need to have a microphone set up for next time, and maybe have some questions, for the speakers to follow. Mac told how he wants to get some quality speakers set up, for next time. He also wants to add an addendum to the tape, to clarify some items. It was also reported that Dave presented the plaque to the Smith Opera House group that evening. This brought interest from the audience, and even one couple asked for a nomination packet. It was also discussed to document the bell at the new school, because it was the original bell at the Iola Schoolhouse. Dave and Lyda will work on this. Mac may have a photo for this.

Next, Mitch asked if we could talk about the interviews that he and Mac are doing. He wanted to discuss about having a questionnaire to present to the interviewees ahead of time. That way the people could think of some things before the tape is rolling. Mitch also suggested to have a cover letter, and send both to them ahead of time. He may even ask if some small shots of these interviews could be put

on local television. This could be great publicity for our commission & preservation as a whole. Mac suggested to also put it on the radio. He believes that some day these videos will be priceless. It was discussed to have a disclaimer for people to sign. Lyda will do that research.

Another item was the final plans for summer field trips. Dave offered to help Mac set up another storytelling, and that may be in September during our HP week. Mac might also put together another slide show, maybe at the college. Ruth offered to do her trip up Quartz Creek on July 14. Everyone would meet at the museum at 9:00, and go from there. Lyda said that we could have Mac do his slide show and map of Blue Mesa on June 23. Dave suggested it could be held at 7:00 pm. The best place could be at Quigley Hall. Then we could do the Taylor Park, Union Park & Tincup trip on August 11. We need to make flyers, and not advertise them as 4-wheel! Each of these could have side trips following the events, and announced with lunch stops, etc.

Dave reported on his progress on the Ohio Pass interpretive sign. He told how the map has been completely re-done. After he gets it back, then Dave has to get final approval from the USFS, the CHS, and our board. It then takes the manufacturer 2 months to produce, and he wants it up before the snow flies. Mitch would like to incorporate a field trip with the dedication, maybe in September. He would like to see it also go over Kebler Pass to the grave, and on to Crested Butte (may even to a watering hole).

Then, Kathy asked for approval for purchasing tapes to make copies of the storytelling night for our collection, and for the Library. That was approved unanimously. Also, Kathy went over the mail. Two of our interns wrote to us about how busy they have been. They would like to help us this summer, if we could use them. It was suggested that they work on the nomination of the collegiate "W" on Tenderfoot.

Next, Dave reported that Lee Spann called him. Marlene Crosby already had one of her employees extend the culvert at Jack's Cabin for the pullout parking area. This is the first step to getting the brown sign (point of interest) along the highway. Mitch will stop by some time and let us know how it looks.

Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be held on June 21 at 5:15 pm.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 21 MEETING:

1. Gothic-Biological Lab representative
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4. Go over mail