

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

January 18, 2001

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

Mitch Evans, chairman, officially opened the regular meeting. He asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Mac made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Ruth 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved. There were a few items added to the agenda.

New Business:

First, Lyda and Ruth reported on the CLG application. We are progressing on answering all the questions. Kathy showed everyone the Colorado Handbook that she received in the mail from Dan Corson. It is the same as the application packet we are using. The only concerns we have for now are: if the BOCC has to have a public meeting (before signing on the dotted line) about becoming a CLG, and are there problems when our own HPC board members change. We then discussed getting the updated electronic data from CHS. After some clarification, it was decided not to get the specific information on the archeological sites. Dave will work on getting the information categorized, so we can cross-reference it. Kathy will check on getting copies of the surveys from Marble, Pitkin, Crested Butte and Gunnison. On completing the CLG application, we can note that we have a survey in place, and will be updating that periodically. There was much discussion regarding administering the paperwork for property owners to get the State and National tax credits. After careful review of each criteria, everyone agreed not to have those responsibilities for now. We can amend the paperwork at a later date.

Next, we discussed getting more sites on our register. Many ideas were talked about. Those members of the HPC board who were at the BOCC public hearing regarding the Ohio City Jail, thought that it was approved very quickly. Many of our board members feel that the BOCC will be open to our wanting the CLG status.

Mitch then reported of the time spent with Mac and Lawrence Phelps. He taped 1 hour of digital video, of the two of them reminiscing. Mitch will copy this to VHS tape, and make a copy for the Library. The board all agreed that it is a

worthwhile project, and for Mitch and Mac to continue on this. A lot of our members suggested many people who should be interviewed by Mac. Mitch and Mac will keep on working at this.

Kathy called CHS to find out who nominates the State and National designations. No one gave her the information, nor would they send her a list. The people she contacted said to only get in touch with the owners. She will be following up on the packets send, and the phone survey discussed. Also, Kathy will check on the surveyed properties that the State has record of. Mitch suggested that a goal for the HPC board could be to get funds for the already designated properties.

Next, Lyda talked about the open house she saw in the paper, at the Smith Opera House. She will call Joe Puchek to find out more. Kathy will get the resolution from Kelly, so we can present the resolution and plaque at that time.

Then, Lyda told about the Heritage Tourism meeting that Janice Downing attended. The contact person is Betsy Byer, who is the Gunnison County Economic Development person. Kathy reported that Betsy is going to be putting a packet together of information that came out of the meeting. Hopefully we will get one of those.

Kathy reported about the status of the brown TODS sign for the Jack's Cabin interpretive sign. Marlene Crosby wants to have her crew chief in that area, discuss with us and Lee Spann about creating and plowing a pull-out area. Dave doesn't want the plows to hit it. Everyone agreed to wait until summer to make this decision. Also, there might be a possibility that we wait for the Hwy 135 construction to be completed before we have the sign in place.

Then, Kathy went over the mail. The books we ordered came in.

Next, we discussed about the Dorchester Guard Station. Kathy found out that James Dawson, USFS, didn't want to hold a public hearing until spring. Ray Rossman told her to go ahead with it now. So, the board decided on our next meeting, February 15.

Finally, Mac discussed the archeological sites that he would like designated. One in particular is the Henry Mountain site. He stated that the BLM owns the land. Kathy will check into who to contact, and see if a nomination has been started.

Mac made a motion to close the meeting, and Lyda 2nd it. Everyone agreed, and Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be February 15, 2001.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 15 MEETING:

1. Meet new alternate
2. Elect chairperson
3. Schedule meeting times
4. Ohio sign update
5. UTM site information
6. Railroad brochure
7. Go over mail