

## Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission

February 15, 2001

Members Present: Mitch Evans, Mac McGraw, Ruth Dolezal & 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.

New Business:

Mitch welcomed Harley Tripp as the new alternate to our board. Harley told everyone he was looking forward to being on this board.

Our next item was to elect a chairperson for this year. Mac made a motion to have Mitch continue as chair. Ruth 2nd the motion, and it was unanimous. Kathy reported that both Lyda and Dave wanted Mitch to continue as chairperson. We then had a discussion about our meeting times. It was a consensus to have them continue, on the 3rd Thursday at 5:15 pm, in the BOCC room.

Kathy then told about Dave's progress on the Ohio Pass interpretive sign. Mitch suggested that we plan a field trip during the summer to put it up. Also, Dave is working on getting all of the updated UTM site information, and uploading it into a mapping program so we can see the sites recorded visually.

Next, a copy of the railroad brochure that Dave is working on, was passed around for everyone to see. He wanted comments on the photos and text. Dave is waiting for permission from the Denver Public Library to use some of their photos. Mac and Harley have some other pictures that Dave might be interested in.

Then, Harley told about the Heritage Tourism meeting that he attended. He explained some of the items that were discussed that evening. The initial plan was to make an inventory of the cultural, natural and historical things in the valley. This would be helpful to promote the area for more tourism. They could include what activities could also take in these areas of interest. It was stated that they may write a set of short articles to publish this information. The next meeting of the steering committee is on March 13. Mitch said we could lend our information (i.e.: Register

of Historic Landmarks) to work towards gaining more tourism. He also said that he believes Crested Butte would be open to any and all of these suggestions. Harley told about putting together lists to create tours (driving &/or walking) in various areas. Mac said the wild stories would bring in the tourists. Mitch also suggested we add to our web page, including some 5 minute spots of the 'old timers' telling stories. Ruth suggested that the tours also need information of sites 'along the way', while getting to the areas they want to visit. Harley talked about the Historic Preservation 2005 book. He said it needs to have more historical and cultural items, rather than just buildings. Mitch told about how he and Mac are putting together videos for future use. And that we need to have a specific goal in mind for our videos. Also, Mitch suggested that we put together informative cassette tapes, for 'along the way' tours. Many board members are wanting to compile the video tapes, books, and movies of and around Gunnison, so that it can be a resource available to the public. Harley suggested that we have college students do the 'leg-work'. Mac said that the students have to be supervised, for many reasons. Mitch and Mac will continue their video interviews.

The item of having our 2 commissions (City and County) get together, for a meeting was discussed. Harley will ask the City group when they want to get together, and let us know.

Then, Kathy went over the mail. One letter was from the Colorado Historical Society about the Tax Credit seminar. Another one was from the CHS regarding HP Week. They have now extended it to be a month long. It was suggested to have something published in the monthly magazine, so we have state-wide publicity. Mac said we should have something in June, maybe like a play about some of the history of the Gunnison area. Mitch suggested that we publicize Mac's storytelling, which we could hold in May (second weekend?), in the evening. Or we could even have them once a month. It could be held at the Arts Center (or even at the I-Bar Ranch), and maybe include an afternoon tour of an archeological site. Kathy will contact the CHS newsletter person, on the publicity.

Mitch closed the meeting.

Bin Items:

The next regular meeting will be March 15, 2001.

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 15 MEETING:

1. Dorchester Guard Station Public Hearing
2. UTM site information
3. Railroad brochure
4. CPI convention update
5. Heritage Tourism information
6. City & County commissions meeting
7. Storytelling in May
8. Go over mail