

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Blackstock Government Center - August 19, 2015

Members Present: Justin Lawrence, Lynn Card, Dave Primus, Jody Reeser, LeeAnn Mick

Others Present: Mike Pelletier, Russ Forest

Dave opened the meeting and asked Mike to bring minutes and agendas to future meetings. He reported that Debbie had completed the CLG report for the year.

The group discussed the minutes from last meeting. Justin made a motion (2nd by LeeAnn) to approve minutes as written. It was approved unanimously.

Dave provided an update on Tenderfoot Mountain issues of how best to protect the site from damage by communication companies. The site is currently on the local register only. Over the years, no alteration certificates have been done by the HPC and over \$500,000 in historic grants have been given for work on the site. Based on talks with WSCU and the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), Dave suggests letting SHPO manage the site in conjunction with WSCU and its lessees. This would require a memorandum of understanding with the Board of County Commissioners. HPC members suggested that they be informed by SHPO of activities on the site annually. Dave will continue talks with parties involved and report back progress.

Russ Forest then described how the County will replace Debbie Schoonover with Mike Pelletier, County GIS Manager. He will assume Debbie's duties as outlined in the document provided to the County Commissioners.

Dave described the website update process and Dave and Jody provided a written description of suggested changes. It was decided that Mike would work with Katherine Haase (County website administrator) to begin incorporating the suggested changes and determine other necessary input from HPC members.

LeeAnn provided an update on the downtown Gunnison historic project, which involves creating a database of historic businesses for each building and secondly to create signage to display interesting historic info for the public. So far the work has progressed along the western side of the 200 block of Main Street and will proceed to the western 100 block.

Jody described how she plans on including a historic preservation piece to her construction management class at WSCU. She said students are interested in doing history related internships and could possibly help with the survey project, downtown Gunnison project, and the Fairview Fire Lookout project. Justin said he would suggest that as an option to the contractor for the survey project and could possibly use the help with the Fairview project. Russ and Justin discussed the need to comply with standard processes for hiring contractors. Mike will get info on the process from Russ and pass it on to Justin.

Justin described progress on the Fairview Fire Lookout building. The cupola is installed and various other improvements have been completed.

Jody described how the BLM got grant money to restore the Johnson Gulch cabins south of Powderhorn. The site is a historic stage stop. They have plans to make a cabin available to the public for renting.

Russ suggested and the group agreed to discuss their goals for the coming year at the next meeting which is set for September 16.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.