

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Blackstock Government Center – April 17, 2019

Members Present: Justin Lawrence, David Primus, Lee Ann Mick, Larry McDonald

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

Justin opened the meeting. Introductions were done for the new member Larry McDonald.

It was decided to review minutes from last February meeting (March meeting was not held due to low attendance during Spring Break week) at the next meeting.

Larry described two historic projects he has been working on. The first being the human stories involved in the Jokerville Mine disaster. The second is an in-depth look at the Gunnison expedition.

Lee Ann described efforts to get the Episcopal church on a historic register. She will work on getting owner's consent for the listing.

She also updated the group on the historic signage project in downtown Gunnison. Justin (2nd Dave) made a motion to allow Lee Ann to use up to \$300 of the Commission's budget to develop a prototype sign for the Art's Center. It passed unanimously.

Dave gave an update on the newspaper digitizing project. He said Western is taking the lead but wants to wait until the end of the semester. The plan is to focus on one paper and scan oldest editions up to 1927. The grant is hoping for \$20,000 but the project can be done in small chunks as money becomes available.

Justin said he will be working on a trail to the Fairview lookout as well as more building improvements. He said there is no movement yet on the Alpine Tunnel and that he may want HPC to apply for a grant. He said the Alpine Ranger station will be available for rent this summer, with plans to charge \$150/night.

The group wants to discuss social media issues for the HPC at the next meeting.

Adjourned 5:30