

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Blackstock's Building – November 17, 2021

Members Present: Kathleen Curry, David Russell, Jody Reeser, Shelley Popke, LeeAnn Mick, Heather Thiessen-Reilly

Others Present: None

Jody opened the meeting and the minutes were discussed. Shelley (2nd David) made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. It was approved unanimously.

Jody said that we have a high school student representative for the HPC named Grace Schulte.

Regarding the Somerset Project, Jody said there is Dec 10th grant deadline for initial feedback with the final grant due on January 14th. Jody started filling out the basic portions of the grant form but the meat of it needs more work, specifically the scope of work and timeline.

The group discussed what to include in the scope of work. Items considered included the mine, cemetery, post office, school, railroad buildings, and homes. Heather said the school and company stores are gone. She said there are foundations on a hillside bench that might be original homes. She also said the Hotchkiss historical society has a small exhibit on Somerset and she wants to send students there to gather information. Heather said Spencer was considering how to get access to mining records. The group also discussed the role women might have played in running the town and working in the mine. Jody also asked the group to submit ideas on the grant timeline.

Lee Ann said she will send the group a list of other downtown sites for signs.

David brought up the issue of continuing to work on the Hartman castle given the interest level of the owner. Lee Ann said she will talk to the owner to gauge the interest level. The group decided that the Somerset project is better use of limited time for now, but Heather said she would have students in the spring work on a property outreach sheet for the building.

Kathleen mentioned reaching out to Mark Stiger about a rock wall in the Doyleville area that is along a ridge and about 150 yards long and 4-5 high. She also talked to CSU water history folks about her research into Arch ditch. They were very interested in the project.

Jody said anyone who wants to write articles about history subjects would be great.

The group decided not to have a meeting in December, as has been the customary practice of the group.

Adjourned at 5:45.