

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Hybrid In-Person and Online Zoom Meeting – May 18, 2022

Members Present: Jody Reeser, LeeAnn Mick, Kathleen Curry, Lynn Card, Shelley Popke, David Russell

Student Member Present: Tristen Coleman

Jody opened the meeting and introduced Tristen Coleman, a history major from Western Colorado University that will be serving as a student HPC representative. The group welcomed Tristen and he introduced himself and expressed his interest in the activities of the Commission. He anticipates receiving the previous student representative's notes regarding the oral history project in Somerset.

Agenda Items:

2. Approval of the April Minutes

The group then discussed minutes from April 20, 2022. LeeAnn (2nd Kathleen) made a motion to approve with two minor edits suggested by Lynn. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Property Outreach Sheets

Jody is planning to meet with Heather later that week and one of the topics of discussion will be the ongoing preparation of new property outreach sheets. She will report back at the next meeting.

4. Downtown Project Signage

Leeann met with Mallory Logan, the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gunnison, to deliver a historic plaque for the municipal building. The plaque was well received and we thank Jody and Leeann for their work on that. Leeann has a list of other properties awaiting signage and will forward that list to Jody and Heather. Her recollection is that Webster Hall was next on the list for a potential plaque. It was also suggested that this agenda item might better be titled "Historic Signage and Tour" because the group then discussed ongoing efforts to create a walking tour app. Tristen is working with another student to improve the Commission website and create a tour using QR codes that would link participants to information about buildings. Jody noted that there is an existing walking tour brochure but it needs to be updated.

5. HPC Resolution Update

Mike consolidated and updated the resolution language for eventual adoption by the County Commissioners. -Jody is planning to proof read the updated document.

6. Somerset Historic Survey Project

Kathleen submitted a draft letter to the residents of Somerset to Jody and Heather in April for review and received several edits on the draft from Jody. The letter was intended to thank the town for their interest in preserving their local history but advise them that the grant application submitted-for funding to conduct a survey was not approved and that a resubmittal for the next

round is planned for July 2023. Kathleen agreed to make the edits and work to distribute the letter accordingly. Jody and Heather will help with distribution names and addresses.

7. Historic Agricultural Significance Honors Program 2022

Leeann nominated Phyllis and Richard Guerrieri for the award and the commission members unanimously supported the nomination. Jody and Leeann will work with David on an article for the newspaper, and Cara Guerrieri has offered to provide additional information.

8. Ongoing Project Updates

Shelley and David didn't have any new project work to report. Lynn noted her work documenting cemeteries in the Gunnison area continues and expressed interest in documenting the graves in the Somerset cemetery. She also expressed interest in the third Doyleville cemetery given that she had been familiar with two of them but was not aware of the third. Kathleen noted her interest in helping with curating the Doyleville schoolhouse which is located at the Pioneer Museum. A field trip to the Doyleville area was discussed.

9. Other Non-scheduled Items

No new items were brought forward.

10. Public Comments

No one from the general public offered comments.

11. Adjournment

Jody adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday June 15th at 5:00 and there was interest in attending in person.