

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – September 20, 2023

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, Lynn Card, Al Caniff, Shelley Popke, Heather Thiessen-Reily

Others Present: Townes Bakke, Mike Pelletier (staff)

Mike opened the meeting. LeeAnn (2nd Heather) made a motion to approve minutes from August. It was approved unanimously.

Heather introduced the new student intern, Townes Bakke.

Shelley and Heather described their meeting with Butch Clark's attorney regarding putting his house on the local historic register. They said the meeting was positive and informative. Next step would be for Butch to get the application filled out.

Heather discussed with Chris Lindner (County IT Manager) what is needed to get the walking tour app up and running. She will work with Western's IT students to get the items accomplished. She will also get history students working on additional buildings for the walking tour.

LeeAnn told the group she chatted with someone from Community Church and they were interested in a historic information sign for Webster Hall. LeeAnn and Al said they would work on language and photos for the sign. LeeAnn also said that the Good Samaritan Church is closer to getting approval to pursue historic designation for their building.

Heather said that her students, Val Merritt and Townes Bakke are researching historic info around Somerset and will put together an archive of data. They will also be setting up an oral history opportunity at the Paonia Museum.

LeeAnn said that her and David have been playing phone tag but are working on finalizing the Agricultural Significance award project for the year. She also said that work is proceeding with the Fairview schoolhouse, including cutting down dangerous trees. The group is also working on a separate building, that is the original schoolhouse for the area.

Shelley told the group that a non-profit organization has been formed to care for the Hartman Castle. They met with the owner, Dave Taylor, and agreed on a purchase price to include main house, adjacent stick built house, accessory dwelling and 3 acres. They also said they will be shoring up the building before winter.

Meeting adjourned at about 6:00.