

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – April 19, 2023

Members Present: Shelley Popke, David Russell, Eric Savage, LeeAnn Mick, Al Caniff, Heather Thiessen-Reily; Lynn Card

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff), Western Students - Zach Campbell, Ben Klingbill, Shay Glascott

Al (2nd Heather) made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March's meeting. It passed unanimously.

Heather introduced the Western students who have been working on a digital walking tour of the City of Gunnison. The students described the project and demonstrated its current abilities using the room's projector and screen. The students built the website from scratch and it has been included as part of their educational requirements.

It is contained in a website and designed to be phone or computer friendly. The website and data will be stored on the County's system. Currently it contains about ten buildings and they are ordered to follow a walking path. They included a means for others to add/update the information easily in the future. They are exploring the use of QR codes as well.

Heather will send a note out to everyone, with a link, when it is ready for review. There will be a short turn-around for comments as the semester is ending soon. There's an About Us page and the group suggested it should list the students with a link to HPC member page. It was hoped that additional buildings could be added this summer.

Heather told the group that old County library is going to be used for office space and not available for historical archiving. She said there is still a desire to find an archival site that could also be used as a historic preservation learning center for students.

Heather hopes to have an intern working on oral histories and documents for Somerset in the fall.

David told the group that he ordered advertisements in the papers for the historic agricultural award. He also offered to do a write up on the recipient when they are chosen.

LeeAnn told the group that the school district is planning on doing repairs to the old Marble school. She will chat with Jody about possibilities of getting a grant from History Colorado to assist with the effort.

Shelley and David described their visit to the Hartman Castle. They were very impressed with the construction quality. The roof was in better condition than they thought. There was discussion about moving it the Pioneer Museum. They also discussed the possibility of a campaign to raise funds for the project. If it does get moved, the group said it would be best to designate it after it is moved to help with state funding.

Meeting adjourned at about 6:30.