

## **Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission**

Regular Meeting – February 21, 2024

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, Jody Reeser, David Russell, Shelley Popke, Heather Theissen-Reily, Al Caniff

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

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Jody opened the meeting. LeeAnn (2<sup>nd</sup> AI) made a motion to approve minutes from January 2024 with a spelling correction. It was approved unanimously.

Heather told the group that there is a March deadline for a Community Foundation grant that she intends to apply for regarding oral histories. She will work with her students to put together a grant for the Somerset area.

The group asked Mike to check on the status of the Walking Tour with the IT Dept. Note: Chris Lindner said it should be up and running but it needs an SSL certificate done by students in order to stop displaying a message that the site may be unsafe. We also need the password in order to open it up to HPC members for editing content. Heather said that future students might work on turning it into a phone app.

Heather said that Val and Townes have finished their tour of being student commissioners. Heather said to leave Townes on the email list for now. She also said she will check with her students regarding their Webster Hall research.

The group discussed the upcoming HPC meeting with the Board of County Commissioners. Jody put together a document describing talking points including economic impact, the 150 Colorado anniversary, the Somerset project, and ways to keep the County Commissioners informed of HPC activities.

The group talked about the need to get help from the County Attorney's Office for drafting changes to the County Commissioners resolutions that determine HPC rules and regulations.

LeeAnn told the group that there has been further progress toward designation of the Good Samaritan building both with the State and with the church officials.

Adjourned at 6:00.

Shelley told the group that the County Commissioners would like to discuss the Somerset grant project with the HPC and how it might affect their projects in the Somerset area. The grant was not able to be submitted in time for this year's grant process. Lindsey at History Colorado said that there is a mini grant option that could be applied for in April. Mike said he would talk with the County Manager about

setting up the meeting. Al mentioned that it might make sense to make the HPC minutes easily available to the County Commissioners.

The group decided that Mike and Jody should work together on the resolution updates. Jody will send Mike materials she acquired from History Colorado on how to add more flexibility and certainty to the alteration certificate process.

Shelley told the group that she learned the Hartman Castle must be in process of historic designation to qualify for assessment grant funds. She said the land use change to commercial is in process for the property.

LeeAnn told the group of the following ranches that would be good candidates for the Ranchland award in the coming years: Allens, Means, Mclean, and Sammons.

LeeAnn said that Jody did a preliminary assessment of the Good Samaritan Church and that an application has been submitted to History Colorado for historic designation.

Al said he would forward to the group a PBS video link that was recently made about the history of Crested Butte.

Mike said he would send a reminder email about HPC terms ending and the process for reapplying if desired.

It was decided that Jody and Mike would work on a survey request from History Colorado regarding underrepresented communities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.