

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – April 16, 2025

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, Heather Thiessen-Reily, David Russell, Zoe Keith

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

The February 2025 minutes were reviewed and amended. LeeAnn (2nd Zoe) made a motion to approve them. It passed unanimously. The March meeting did not occur, so no minutes were reviewed.

Mike presented to the group the draft HPC ad for use in the newspapers during Historic Preservation Month in May. The group was very pleased with the look and function. Heather (2nd LeeAnn) made a motion to have Jody finish the poster and use her discretion in relation to the available budget and the size of the ad in the newspaper. They suggested it should run the week before the planned ditch celebration activities, which are May 17th.

Zoe shared with the group a poster to advertise the ditch celebration event at Meadows Park in Gunnison on May 17th.

LeeAnn and David said they would check with the newspapers and run ads for the agricultural historic honors award.

David told the group that he has been hired by HistoriCorp for the next 3-4 months and will be working out of the valley. He will attend meetings remotely when possible.

Heather brought up a discussion regarding the value of the old Western logo mural painted on the side of the Whipp maintenance building on WCU campus. There could be value in preserving it, as she has heard many people express that they like its history.

Heather said that her and Zoe would like to do an event at the public library to honor Historic Preservation month. They will start working on some ideas.

Zoe said that she and other students will be visiting with the Gunnison City Council to discuss the historic value of the ditch system and potential designation issues. The group suggested they meet first with their Public Works department to discuss how it operates and what benefits and restrictions might be useful with a designation. Also, they suggested that not all parts of the ditch system would need to be treated the same.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.