

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – August 20, 2025

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, Jody Reeser, Zoe Keith, Heather Thiessen-Reily

Others Present: Deb Callihan, Mike Pelletier (staff)

Minutes were discussed. Heather (2nd LeeAnn) made a motion to approve the April minutes. It was approved unanimously. LeeAnn (2nd Zoe) made a motion to approve the May minutes. It was approved unanimously.

Jody told the group that Federal 2025 monies have been released to History Colorado.

Heather said she will be working with a new Western Colorado University IT person to fix the HTTPS certificate issue associated with the Gunnison walking tour app. Also, she said that her student, Connor Hamilton, presented the Somerset project (including a walking tour) at the National Mining History Association Conference and that it was well received.

LeeAnn said she has been unable to find any old pictures of Webster Hall for the sign project. The group gave her some additional places to look. She also said she is working with Terri McLanin Haus on the 2025 agricultural historic honors award.

Deb Callihan gave the group an update on the Hartman Castle preservation project. There has been lots of clean up and tours given at the castle. The non-profit Hartman Castle Preservation Corp. has about \$300,000 of the necessary \$700,000 in the bank so far. The owner would like to see \$450,000 raised before seeking historic designation. The group discussed some potential funding options, including History Colorado acquisition grant (requires listing first), the Colorado Historical Foundation, and HistoriCorp. They have already applied for the Colorado Endangered Places grant.

Jody told the group that she has been working with Lindsey Flewelling at History Colorado on updating the County resolutions that define HPC management and processes. The group decided it would be good to have a 5-member board with 3 alternates to make it easier to get a quorum and have more people to help with projects. Other decisions included requiring alteration certificates for exterior work only when building permits are required and the use of the Secretary of the Interior Standards instead of current list for determining what is allowed. Jody will forward the updated document to the group for review.

Zoe told the group that the Gunnison ditch project is currently doing a survey to learn more about how the ditch is being used.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.