

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – May 18, 2025

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, David Russell, Jody Reeser

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

The group discussed the good turnout for the City of Gunnison ditch celebration. They said that the city Public Works Department seems open to discussing a historic listing and that a state or local listing might be possible.

David described his summer job with HistoriCorp in Fort Collins and Aspen. It's a non-profit that is privately funded and provides work crews for projects to save places. He said that they are looking for projects and would like to do something in Gunnison. It was suggested that the Hartman Castle might be a good fit for a HistoriCorp project.

Jody described a job she has stabilizing and renovating old buildings near Telluride.

The group discussed the grim situation regarding historic funding from the Federal government. Currently, funds for 2025 are being withheld and funds for the 2026 budget are not on the table. This will have a huge impact on History Colorado. For Gunnison County, this means no funding will be available for projects, such as historic surveys or building rehabilitation. This makes private funding options, like HistoriCorp, more important.

Jody told the group about the many good podcasts created by History Colorado. She particularly liked one under the Lost Highways (<https://www.historycolorado.org/losthighways>) section dated 2/21/2024 that focused on Gothic, Colorado and a Chinese immigrant.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.