



GILPIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2022

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Commission convened virtually Zoom Meeting; no physical meeting was held. The recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://stories.opengov.com/gilpincountyco/published/bblg7waPB>

Call to Order: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Quorum Call:

- Present: Chair Bret Johnson, Vice Chair B. Travis Wright, Jasper Webb, Jeremy Kaiser and Susan Meade (arrived at 6:15)
- Absent: none
- Staff Present: Tami Archer, Secretary/Liaison; Ray Rears, County Manager
- Additional attendees: Dr. Lindsey Flewelling, CLG Coordinator, History Colorado

Agenda Review: Chair Johnson reviewed the agenda. No changes were proposed.

Consideration of Minutes: The minutes from February 17, 2022 were reviewed. Vice Chair Wright noted that without Commissioner Meade there was not a quorum present to approved those minutes. Chair Johnson suggested setting the item aside until Commissioner Meade joined the meeting. After Commissioner Meade joined the meeting, the minutes were reviewed again. Vice Chair Wright moved to approve as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Meade. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

A. Thorn Lake School

Manager Rears gave a brief background of his previous involvement with the HPC and particularly the Thorn Lake School. He noted he is working towards getting a survey of the parcel where the school is currently located so that the process of getting it off the trailer, onto a foundation and ultimately rehabilitated can begin. He asked that the HPC determine what their goal is for this building so he can incorporate that into a proposal for any contractors as well as present that recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, and indicated he would like this initial process, only up to having it stabilized and some exterior restoration, done by the end of the summer. Chair Johnson agreed, and made some general observations regarding the use as a visitor center. He asked if a good general direction would include a foundation, floor, permanent bracing, exterior restoration, but leaving it as a shell for a possible fit-out in the future for a yet to be determined use. Secretary Archer shared that she had been approached regarding some interest from the home owner's association where the school was originally located for putting it back in the Thorn Lake area. Manager Rears shared his memory of how the school was relocated, noting it was a volunteer effort and that the county was not part of the determination to move it

to Rollinsville. He was hesitant to stall our efforts based on the initial interest of the HOA. There was some additional discussion regarding why it had been moved so many times before it ended up at its current location. There was discussion regarding the previous uses, including a one-room school house and later as a fire house, and how to incorporate the appearance of both the uses into the restoration. Manager Rears asked for a plan from the HPC that can be used to get cost estimates, through an RFP process, which can be taken to the BoCC. Dr. Flewelling made comments regarding the possibility of grant funding for some of the work. There was some additional discussion, and Secretary Archer suggested putting this on the April agenda to come up with a proposal. Chair Johnson thanked Manager Rears for being the champion for this effort.

B. Moffat Tunnel/East Portal Work Cabins Designation

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of designating the Moffat Tunnel and the work cabins. Commissioner Meade noted that she still needs the assessment report, and asked for some clarification as to which cabins would be addressed first. There was some brief discussion regarding the individual cabins and how to prioritize them. Chair Johnson indicated that a work session would follow the meeting to brain storm how to move forward.

Chair Johnson noted that there was no additional business to discuss and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn: Commissioner Meade moved to adjourn and was seconded by Vice Chair Wright. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bret Johnson
Chair