

MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HAC)  
Special Meeting

June 15, 2006

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission convened in the Gilpin County Justice Center, 2960 Dory Hill Road, Central City, Colorado.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Quorum Call:** Present: Chair Linda Jones, Chair Pro-tem Colleen Toth, Glen Puntney Debra Krause and Michelle Saeger. Also present, Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears and Intergovernmental Services Director for the Colorado Historical Society Dan Corson.

Toth asked staff to obtain a legal opinion in regard to a possible conflict caused by running and/or being elected to the Clerk and Recorder's position. Staff will ask the County Attorney.

**Agenda Review:** Linda Jones amended the agenda so that each member who attended the Alamosa workshop could provide them with a brief report

**Minutes:** A motion to review and discuss the minutes at the end of the meeting was made by Michelle Saeger, seconded by Colleen Toth.

**Elect Secretary:** A motion was made by Michelle Saeger to appoint Debra Krause as Secretary, seconded by Glen Puntney, and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

**CLG Orientation:** Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director for the Colorado Historical Society presented a CLG orientation. Items discussed include:

- Before the presentation he congratulated Gilpin County on becoming a Certified Local Government.
- 1966 - National Historic Preservation Act started historic preservation efforts.
- Any expenditure of Federal funds (direct or indirect) requires historical review.
- 60% of historical studies are archeological.
- 1980 - CLG program started because local jurisdictions knowledge of their jurisdiction.
- The State is required to pass on 10% of their funding to CLG's, \$130,000 in 2005.
- CLG funds can not be used for rehabilitation.
- 108 local governments in Colorado have historic preservation ordinances, with 38 of them CLG's.
- The ten Secretary of Interior's Standards that CLG must comply with.
- Available tax credits for historic properties.
- Some of the commission's responsibilities include: keeping minutes for public review (the State reviews meeting minutes every four years) and implementing a public forum procedure.
- Commission members should attend the regional (Gilpin/Jefferson/ Clear Creek County) annual forum and contact Lynnette Hailey for further information. He also suggested that the commission attend other Historic Preservation meetings to get a sense on how the meetings are conducted.

**Modification of scheduled quarterly meeting location:** Staff informed the Commission that per its request, the permanent location for future HAC meetings will be the Justice Center multi-purpose room located at 2960 Dory Hill Road.

**Minutes:** Discussion ensued regarding the limitation of public comment in the draft minutes. A motion was made by Colleen Toth to limit public comment to five minutes, seconded by Michelle Saeger. Motion failed 2-3 with Krause, Saeger & Toth voting against the motion. Michelle Saeger motioned to approve the minutes without a public comment limitation, seconded by Debra Krause, and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

It was discussed how announcements for meetings should be posted - it was the consensus that meetings be posted in the same place and manner the County posts all meetings. Linda Jones felt the County post offices would also be good locations.

**Ordinance #06-04 amendment to Ordinance #05-04:** Staff presented the proposed amendments to Ordinance #05-04 with the adoption of Ordinance #06-04. Michelle Saeger motioned to approve the recommendations, without a public comment limitation, seconded by Colleen Toth, and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Discussion of future historic preservation study areas and efforts:** Staff informed HAC of reports that the Thorn Lake School house will be demolished. It was detailed that Commissioner Whitman was the reporting party on the issue and had told staff the demolition was to be conducted on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff reported that a letter was sent to the property owner by standard mail and a visit by staff to the location was made but contact with the property owner was unsuccessful. Discussion ensued regarding what if any action can be taken by the County to prevent it. Discussion of enforcement of historic preservation violations took place with concern voiced from all board members in regard to the inability to prevent demolition of historic structures before the violation occurs. Staff has informed HAC that the County can not take a proactive step to stop a demolition if that action has not taken place.

Discussion ensued regarding areas of historic interest, and it was suggested that a field trip be conducted before rankings take place. Staff will investigate the logistics of such a trip.

**Meeting Date:** Michelle Saeger moved to move the next scheduled HAC meeting from July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, Colleen Toth seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the HAC, Michelle Saeger moved to adjourn, Colleen Toth seconded, and the motion to adjourn passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Jones, Chair