

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

October 19, 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 7:04 p.m.

Quorum Call: Present: Chair Linda Jones, Chair Pro-tem Colleen Toth, Secretary Debra Krause, Michelle Saeger and Rick Newman. Also present, Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears.

Public Attending: None

Agenda Review: No Changes

Minutes: Newman motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Toth, the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Thorn Lake School: Staff informed the Commission that the status of the Thorn Lake School is unknown. The photos previously identified as the Thorn Lake School have been identified as the Bay State School by the State Park Service. The state information is credible. Additional reports from William Russell Jr., who served on the school board at that time, are that the school was torn down shortly after the district was dissolved. The structure on Gap Road, known as the Thorn Lake School appears to be a school, but the County does not have information regarding the structure other than an article published in the May 4, 1967, *Central City Tommy-Knawker* showing it being moved from Rollinsville. Pat Reed, volunteer with the State Park system, is continuing her research. Photos of the structures will be forwarded to Mr. Russell.

Discussion of Historic Sites Field Trip and future historic preservation study areas and efforts: Discussion ensued regarding the HAC field trip conducted last month. Jones contacted Mary Ramstetter who wrote "Gregory Country" regarding a stone building visited next to the Mountain House during the field trip. According to Ms. Ramstetter the structure could be the 7-Mile House stage stop located at the junction of the Gregory and Enterprise toll roads (1860's). The stage stop's roof has collapsed, and the stone walls were 3 ½ ft. thick on three remaining sides.

Discussion ensued regarding future funding and creating a fund generated from County funds verses a strictly grant-driven approach. Also, line item could also be used for donations received for historic preservation efforts. Staff will research the possibility of creating a County budgetary line item devoted to historic preservation and report back to HAC via e-mail.

Discussion ensued regarding the prioritization of historic structures and it was determined that the HAC members return to the next meeting with their own rankings of historic structures based on the following criteria:

In determining whether a structure, site, or district may be appropriate for designation as a historic landmark, and historic preservation effort of the county should meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The character, interest, or value of the proposed landmark is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the county. The structures' relationship to local history should be given priority.
- ◆ The proposed landmark is a location of a significant local, county, state, or national event and geographically diverse areas should be given priority to represent the various areas of the County.
- ◆ The identification of the proposed landmark with a person or persons significantly contributing to local, county, state, or national history is established. Public buildings that are visible, or structures with known history should be given priority.
- ◆ The proposed landmark is an embodiment of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or the use of indigenous materials, with the location and physical description described (state of disrepair).
- ◆ The proposed landmark is of archaeological significance.
- ◆ The proposed landmark is an example of either architectural or structural innovation.
- ◆ The relationship of the proposed landmark to other distinctive structures, districts, or sites is determined to be historically significant.

Review applications for vacant position: Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the applicants. Saeger moved to rank the HAC recommendations as such: Casewit 1st, Staneff 2nd, Maxwell 3rd and Thielemann 4th; Newman seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Discussion ensued regarding the reappointment of Jones and Krause whose terms must be reappointed by the beginning of next year. Newman moved to recommend Jones and Krause to be reappointed to HAC for a three year term; Seager seconded, the motion passed with unanimous consent, with Jones and Krause abstaining.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the HAC, Saeger moved to adjourn, Newman seconded, and the motion to adjourn passed with unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Toth, Chair pro-tem