

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

April 17, 2008

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 7:08 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Present: Chair Rick Newman, Secretary Colleen Stewart and Linda Jones

Also present: Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears

Absent: Chair Pro-tem Michelle Saeger, Debra Krause and Steve Staneff

Public Attending: Catherine Valen

Agenda Review: No Changes

Minutes: Jones moved to approve the January minutes, seconded by Stewart and the minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

Structure Review: HR 08-01 - Valen - 2269 South Beaver Creek Road

Rears presented the staff report and discussed the points raised in the historic eligibility report prepared by the County consultant, Deon Wolfenbarger. Both staff and the consultant are recommending that this structure not be designated historically significant. No strong evidence of the structures historical importance can be substantiated, due to the lack of oral histories, historic photographs and coupled with prior exterior changes such as the addition of siding all negatively affect the historical integrity of the structure. Conversely, there appears to be a lot of missing information on this structure so it may still be significant, but no facts of that significance are evident at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the barn on the property which preliminarily appears to be more significant and predates the house as it could have been used as a stage stop and according to the owner, Ms. Valen, has signs of a boarding house on the second floor and is rumored to have facilitated the rail spur along present day South Beaver Creek Road.

Jones moved not to declare this structure a local landmark at this time, based on the information provided, seconded by Stewart and the motion passed with unanimous consent

Old Business:

Gilpin County Master Plan Referral

The commission discussed the historic component of the Master Plan. The commission had previously met to discuss the plan on it on March 25, 2008. After further minor revisions Stewart moved to recommend their revised historic component to the Gilpin County Planning Commission, seconded by Jones and the motion was passed with unanimous consent. A letter will be presented to the Planning Commission of their recommendation as well as the copy of such recommendation attached to the minutes. A commission specific letterhead will be developed.

Historic Preservation Funding

The commission discussed requested a line item be added to the County budget. Newman would like to attend the budget hearing to make that request personally.

New Business:

Preserve America

Rears informed the commission that the County will be applying to be named a *Preserve America Community* and the application is going before the BoCC next Tuesday. The goal is to designate the County a Preserve America Community during the peak summer tourist season and during the 150th anniversary of the discovery of gold in Gregory Gulch.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the HAC, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for July 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Newman
Chair