

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

November 5, 2009
Special Meeting

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission convened in the Gilpin County Old Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, Central City, Colorado.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Present: Chair Pro-tem Linda Jones, Secretary Colleen Stewart, Steve Staneff and Barbara Thielemann.

Also present: Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears

Absent: Chair Rick Newman (excused) and Alternate Vicki Nemec (excused)

Public Attending: 0

Agenda Review: No Changes

Minutes: Thielemann moved to approve the August 25, 2009 minutes with two minor corrections, seconded by Staneff and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Special Public Meeting:

CDOT - State Highway 119, 1 Mile South of Black Hawk - Widening Project - Comment Requested

Rears provided an overview of the project. Previously staff had made mailed copies of excerpts of sites of particular interest found in the report submitted to the County by CDOT. Those specific sites include 5GL877, 5GL1175, 5GL1972, 5GL1974, 5GL1980, 5GL1983 & 5GL1989. CDOT has requested comment by November 6, 2009. Rears provided a draft letter for discussion regarding HAC comment to CDOT. Discussion ensued regarding the sites and the two items raised in the letter:

- 1) This is a known settlement area for early Chinese, an under-represented group, and in many respects an undocumented part of early Colorado history. Care and awareness should be taken during grading for remnants of that culture, such as Asian pottery fragments.
- 2) The unique character of Gilpin County is shaped by historic sites, including mine sites. Adaptive reuse of the mining area remnants, which were constructed locally of indigenous material such as rockwalls (5GL1959), headframes (5GL1985) and notable mine entryways (5GL877), should be incorporated into the pathway design in a manner that gives a visitor a sense of place and history of mining activity of this area. Photographs of the area and informational plaques should not be the only means of recognizing the area's rich history.

Staneff suggested an additional sentence to bring attention to the large amount of significant sites in a concentrated geographical area that will be affected by this project. Thielemann moved to approve the letter as written, with Staneff's addition, seconded by Stewart and the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Stackow Cabin Update

Rears discussed the letter that was sent to the Forest Service requesting that they preserve the Stackow Cabin. The County has not received any response to the letter. If the Forest Service were to take some action, they would first need to consult with the State and the County would be invited to attend.

Gilpin Tunnel Survey Project

Rears confirmed that the project is now complete and electronic copies of the report will be made and sent to the members. Staneff suggested the electronic data base be held in a accessible database that would stand the test of time and Rears would contact the consultant about if that is available. Rears requested the commission be prepared for their next meeting in January for suggestion oo their next project.

Old Business:

Tax Credit Update

Rears informed the commission that a framework in evaluating the state historic preservation tax credit is in the works and should be on the January agenda. The first item to be reviewed would be the Russell Gulch Odd Fellow Building (Landmark #3).

Historic Preservation Funding

Rears informed the commission that Newman was successful in his request for historic preservation funds in the amount of \$2,500. The funds would be controlled by staff, but the HAC can make recommendations for the use of the funds. Possible reason for the funds would be to assist in the cash match of grants, scoping work and informational or designation plaques.


New Business:

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the HAC, Stewart moved to adjourn, all in favor at 7:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for January 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Newman
Chair



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September 1, 2009

Christine M. Walsh, District Ranger
Boulder Ranger District
2140 Yarmouth Avenue
Boulder, CO 80301

Re: Demolition - Stackcow Cabin - (GL1832) - USFS File 2360-3

Dear Ms. Walsh:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project as permitted by the *National Historic Preservation Act Section 106* review process. Today, we the Gilpin Board of County Commissioners met to discuss the historical impacts of your proposed demolition of the above described structure. After careful consideration of your proposal, we respectfully request that the structure be preserved.

The structure was reviewed through our historic preservation ordinance, which was certified under provision Section 101(c) of the *National Historic Preservation Act*, and found to be eligible as a local landmark under criterion 1 as locally significant for its role to the social history to Lump Gulch and for its role in recreational activities in the post World War II period of significance from 1944-1960. It was also found significant under criterion 4 for its rustic architectural style, method of construction and use of indigenous materials.

We understand the fiscal impetus for the removal of the structure, but we can not evaluate eligibility based on that criterion. We look forward to working with you and the US Forest Service in mitigating any adverse impacts to this structure, and other possible locally significant structures in unincorporated Gilpin County.

If you have any questions with this determination and recommendation, please contact Ray W. Rears, County Planner and Historic Advisory Liaison at (303) 582-5831 x3.

Sincerely,

Forrest Whitman
Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Dan Corson, OAHP, Colorado Historical Society; 1300 Broadway; Denver, CO 80203
Roger Baker, County Manager
Rick Newman, HAC Chair
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HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMISSION



November 5, 2009

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Re: County Comment in Determinations of Eligibility of Effects, SH 119, 1 mile
South of Black Hawk, Gilpin County

Dear Mr. Beckham:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project as permitted by the *National Historic Preservation Act Section 106* review process. Today, we the Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (H.A.C.) met to discuss the historical impacts of your proposed project, as the officially designated advisor to the Gilpin Board of County Commissioners on all matters of historical importance.

The Gilpin County Master Plan Historic Preservation Goal states that "The County should preserve, maintain and protect historic structures and archaeological sites from the ravages of time and the impacts of new growth" as a general outline to evaluate new development. Based on this goal in the County Master Plan, the H.A.C. has the following suggestions for the project as it relates to historic preservation:

- 1) This is a known settlement area for early Chinese, an under-represented group, and in many respects an undocumented part of early Colorado history. Care and awareness should be taken during grading for remnants of that culture, such as Asian pottery fragments.
- 2) The unique character of Gilpin County is shaped by historic sites, including mine sites. Adaptive reuse of the mining area remnants, which were constructed locally of indigenous material such as rockwalls (5GL1959), headframes (5GL1985) and notable mine entryways (5GL877), should be incorporated into the pathway design in a manner that gives a visitor a sense of place and history of mining activity of this area. Photographs of the area and informational plaques should not be the only means of recognizing the area's rich history.

The H.A.C. urges your agency to consider these suggestions as unprecedented opportunities for increasing public awareness of the history of Colorado in a concentrated geographical area. If you have any questions with this determination and recommendation, please contact Ray W. Rears, County Planner and Historic Advisory Liaison at (303) 582-5831 x3.

Sincerely,

Linda Jones

Chair pro-tem, Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

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