

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission  
February 18, 2010

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission convened in the Gilpin County Library, 15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. Present were Chair Rick Newman, Vice-Chair Steve Staneff, Linda Jones and Alternate Vicki Nemeec. Absent were Secretary Barbara Thielemann and Colleen Stewart. Vicki Nemeec will be sitting in as a voting member for this meeting. Because the Secretary is not present, Vicki Nemeec was assigned to take minutes for this meeting.
2. **Agenda Review.** There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
3. **Minute Review.** The minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting were presented for approval. There were several mistakes found by some members so the minutes were be put aside and continued to the next meeting. Steve Staneff moved to continue the minutes to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Jones and passed unanimously with no comments.
4. **Special Public Meeting.** There was no public present for this portion.
5. **Old Business.**
  - a. **Historic Preservation Funding.** Ray brought to the Commission the "Pathways to Colorado's Heritage" proposal and suggested it might be a good thing for the Commission to be involved with. It was decided to move on to the criteria list and discuss this a little later.
  - b. **Next Project – Ranking.** The Commission discussed the ranking that was done and how projects should be moved up or down in the ranking. Ranking was discussed for the following sites as noted:
    - i. Rollinsville – Just a couple of buildings, lower priority
    - ii. Gilpin Town - The property owner is going to move forward with a designation for this site this summer.
    - iii. Lump Gulch/Sonora Cemetery – Linda commented there was nothing original left in area. Sonora is same name as Pioneer Cemetery.
    - iv. Lincoln Hills – Field trip had been done to these sites. Plans for future development in works.
    - v. Pactolus – Surveyed as part of Tunnel District. Ray noted that the warming house was demolished. May be a little of the ice house left. It was noted if the property owner wanted to demolish it they could.
    - vi. Mountain House - Moved down to low priority as long as in good hands.
    - vii. 7 Mile House – Owner adamant does not want publicized. Commission agrees and will do nothing further with this site.
    - viii. Stage Stop Restaurant - Discussed in Rollinsville area.

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- ix. Argo/Pewabic Mine – It was noted this was a way to get from Central City to Idaho Springs but the tunnel has now collapsed. It is a superfund site. It was decided to leave it on the list. A new district was determined and would be called “Mine Tunnels” to cover all of these tunnels in Gilpin County.
  - x. Cemetery District – This incorporates Central City cemeteries only. Linda and Vicki discussed the possibility of this area being one of the projects for this group in 2010. This is to be left as high priority due to the damage being done by the RV’s and ATV’s now using the area as a jump-off point into the forest.
  - xi. Coeur’D’Alene – Already owned by historical society. Remove from this list.
  - xii. Glory Hole Mine – Determined the Mill worth preserving and should be high priority.
  - xiii. Arbuckle Mine – Used to have the Town of Cottonwood. Lowest in priority.
  - xiv. Nevadaville – Part of Historic District. There was discussion on saving the City Hall building which is for sale along with three other buildings. Also Linda mentioned the merchandise from the building is being sold in a single lot and Linda felt it would be a good thing to check into possibly getting that purchased to put into the building if it is saved. This is to be moved up to high priority.
  - xv. Russell Gulch – Medium priority but a high survey priority. Should include cemetery. Check into possibility of grant for survey especially of the school and cemetery.
  - xvi. Apex – Store front done in 2006. Currently has no survey, high priority for survey. Builder is currently looking for funding to develop the area.
  - xvii. American City – Privately owned area, no permission to do anything. Low priority because of no access.
  - xviii. Perigo/Wide Awake/Gambell Gulch – Low priority, not much left.
  - xix. Tolland – Surveyed as part of Tunnel District.
  - xx. Baltimore – Surveyed as part of Tunnel District but only a windshield survey was done not a complete one.

It was noted by Ray that it would cost \$2500 for the matching portion of the grant to get any survey done. They should keep that in mind when determining what are to get surveyed.

After discussion determined the Commission would consider two projects in 2010. The first suggestion was to participate in a general Cemetery Clean up of the Central City cemeteries to include replacing fencing, stones and anything else that can be done with the funding available. This would also tie in with the “Pathways to Colorado’s Heritage” project and could help with publicity and getting the word out this is going to happen. The other was to continue working on getting more attention to Nevadaville by signage, possibly saving City Hall or purchasing the merchandise currently on sale that came from

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those buildings. After no further discussion, the matter was put to vote and Linda Jones and Vicki Nemeč voted on the Central City Cemetery project. There were no votes on the Nevadaville project. With a 2-0 win (Newman abstained), the Central City Cemetery project will be the next project. It was decided the Commission will work on assigning people to various aspects of the project. Linda agreed to talk to Mayor Ron Slinger while Ray will speak to Roger Baker about how to turn this into a unified event between the three entities. Ray felt this is a high priority with both Central City and the County Commissioners and would be a great public event to coordinate. The Commission requested Ray go to the State Offices and see what he can dig up on Nevadaville and to also try the Museum in Central City for those kinds of records as well.

Rick felt he would be able to get things like fence posts and fencing donated but they needed to have an idea of how much they would need. The Commission determined to do a field trip to the Cemeteries above Central City on March 6<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the Cemeteries at Noon to look at the area and determine what kind of work needs to be done.

6. **Public Comment.** There was none.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

These minutes were prepared and submitted for approval by Vicki Nemeč, filling in as secretary for the Commission for this meeting.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

  
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Rick Newman, Chair