

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

Sept 17, 2013

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission convened in the Gilpin County Library, 15131 Hwy 119, Black Hawk, Colorado.

Public Attending: 0

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

Quorum Call:

Present: Chair Bret Johnson [Arrived at 7:32], Chair pro-tem Linda Jones Secretary Barbara Thielemann [Arrived at 7:08], Rick Newman, Herman Gaines and Mike Keeler. Absent: None
Staff Present: Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears

Agenda Review: No Changes

Minutes: August 20, 2013 minutes will be presented during the next meeting.

New Business:

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CLG Survey Requirement and Funding Options:

Elizabeth J. Blackwell, Historical and Architectural Survey Coordinator Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation presented some basic information that her office provided information on grant opportunities such as the State Historical Fund Grant program and the Certified Local Government grant program. A discussion ensued regarding a proposed survey of Nevadaville. Blackwell invited the commission to apply for a CLG grant. The deadline to apply is November 15th and the maximum amount is \$25,000, which does not require a match. The commission discussed the award process.

Concerns were raised that the County has been discriminated against in the past, since we receive our funds primarily from gaming tax revenue. Rears indicated he addressed this in each grant application. Blackwell was not aware of any recent negative feedback toward the County.

The Commission discussed if a reconnaissance or intensive survey would be best. Blackwell recommend for the structural assessment, given the deadline is coming up soon for a CLG grant. The commission requested RFP's for both. The CLG cap grant amount will not get a large survey, but it could be a phased survey project, with additional requests made each year.

Newman moved to request staff to prepare a RFP for a reconnaissance survey and intensive survey (less mining structures) of the commercial and residential structures in a short time frame, seconded by Gaines and all were in favor.

Box Car – Historic Designation Discussion – Laurel Higgins, Eye of the Heart Wildlife Refuge

The Historic Commission discussed the rail car located at the Eye of the Heart Wildlife Refuge. Ms. Higgins did not attend the meeting. Though more information would be needed, it was determined that our historic preservation ordinance does not address vehicles, so no review

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can take place. The Commission is also not interested in considering vehicles for designation in the future. The County cannot assist with the designation of cars.

Old Business:

Section 106 Review – Eldora Ski Area expansion, Nederland/Rollinsville vicinity:

Rears presented the information provided to the County from the Forest Service. Most of the sites are in Boulder County, so focus was on the site in Gilpin County, including old wagon roads and the Fremont Grave. Maps were now provided by the Forest Service showing the existing area, with proposed runs and other proposed improvements shown with the locations of the historic features identified. Erosion control and the impact on water was also raised as a concern and how that could impact the old road. A discussion ensued regarding their proposal.

Thielemann moved to recommend that the Commission is greatly concerned of the proposed lifts proximity to known historic grave sites and at this time cannot recommend for the Eldora Expansion into Gilpin County. The scope of impact should require additional study as recommended in the management Data Form surrounding resource 5GL22, seconded by Newman and the motion passed unanimously.

In addition, the commission asked to please remind the applicant that a Special Use Permit is required for their existing Ski Area use and also now their proposed expansion into Gilpin County.

Pioneer Cemetery:

This item was continued to the next meeting since Jones has not received an update on the study.

Thorn Lake School:

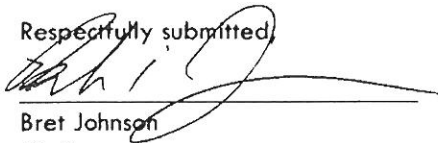
Rears stated that the State Historical Fund grant will go before the BoCC to sign on September 24, 2013.

2014 Funding Discussion:

The commission discussed the funding request they will be making to the BoCC in October. Johnson and Newman confirmed they would attend. The commission discussed the request and Newman moved to request \$1,000 for future survey work, seconded by Jones and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the HAC, Gaines moved to adjourn, all in favor at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bret Johnson
Chair

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