

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

March 18, 2014

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

Public Attending: 1

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Present: Chair Bret Johnson, Chair pro-tem Linda Jones, Secretary Barbara Thielemann (Arriving at 7:07 p.m.), Rick Newman (Arriving at 7:07 p.m.) Herman Gaines and Mike Keeler

Absent: None

Staff Present: Historic Advisory Liaison Ray Rears

Election of Officers:

Jones moved to appoint Johnson as Chair, seconded by Gaines and the appointment was accepted. Gaines moved to appoint Jones as Chair pro-tem, seconded by Keeler and the appointment was accepted. Gaines moved to appoint Thielemann as Secretary, seconded by Jones and the appointment was accepted.

Agenda Review: Gaines asked to add the US Forest Service Review of the Eldora Ski Area Expansion to the agenda. No one objected. Johnson placed this item on the agenda at the end of Old Business.

Minutes: 7:07 p.m. - Jones moved to approve the December 17, 2013 minutes as prepared. The motion died for lack of a second. Newman moved to approve the minutes with changes to the Funding 2014 Discussion section, seconded by Gaines and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

2014 CPI Conference, February 5-7 2014:

A discussion was held regarding this years' conference where Johnson, Jones and Thielemann attended. Jones commented that the conference was very good except for one session on Friday morning which lacked a clear message. Thielemann prepared a three-page written summary of the conference which she briefly highlighted during the meeting which included added cellular based geo tours, and youth engagement. The summary will be attached to the minutes. Thielemann agreed with Jones, that this years' conference was very well done.

Thorn Lake School – State Historical Fund Grant:

Johnson, the consultant for this project, stated that the initial assessment is done. The preservation plan has not been completed. The school's previous locations have been established. One of the questions they are wrestling with is if the school is significant as a school or as a fire house. Jones expressed a desire to see the school aspect be promoted since so few one-room school houses remain in the County. Rears has not been presented the draft report yet.

Nevadaville – Certified Local Government Grant:

Rears confirmed with the commission that the County was awarded the grant to perform the survey of Nevadaville with all of the \$23,000 cost offset from the CLG grant. Rears confirmed the contract with the state is complete, with the signed contracts with the consultants remaining to be complete. Work is expected to start this spring.

US Forest Service Review of the Eldora Ski Area Expansion

Gaines provided a copy of an article in the Denver Post published on March 15, 2014 describing the Forest Service's review of Eldora's expansion plan. Gaines commented that Gilpin County was not referenced in article. Discussion ensued regarding the review the commission did on the expansion and the concerns raised with their expansion into the County. Rears relayed the information that the Forest Service recommendation is for the ski resort to remain in Boulder County and not to cross into Gilpin County. The Eldora Ski Resort expressed a continued interest in expanding into Gilpin County. Rears confirmed that this is a lengthy process and no clear decision will be made soon. A Special Use Permit will be required, if they do plan to operate in Gilpin County.

**New Business:**

East Portal Update – Linda Jones

Jones informed the commission of a woman named Lynn Pollitt who recently moved into the County from Omaha, Nebraska and her potential connection with the Union Pacific Railroad executives. Jones expressed hope that Ms. Pollitt's connections could enable the County and the Forest Service to make some progress on protecting and reusing the cabins at East Portal. The Commission supported Jones' efforts. Rears confirmed that a meeting will be setup soon with those involved to investigate this possibility.

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Evaluation – Dan Corson, OAHP

Corson made a presentation to the Commission, gave a summary of the CLG program and highlighted the importance of local commissions. These evaluations occur once every two-years and started with a review of the administration and record keeping of the commission and related information prior to the meeting. Corson also recommended that when the Commission is reviewing an individual case, that we inform them ahead of time so that someone from their office can attend. Corson also recommended that members of this commission attend other commissions, to learn and share information. Thielemann confirmed that she serves on the commission for both the County and the City of Central.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the HAC, Jones moved to adjourn, all in favor at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bret Johnson  
Chair