

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

July 17, 2017

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission convened in the offices on the second floor of the Gilpin County Courthouse; 203 Eureka Street; Central City, Colorado.

Public Attending: 4

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Quorum Call:

Present: Chair Bret Johnson, Tim Casey, LeeAnna Jonas, Jack Hidahl, Lolli Hughes, Rick Newman

Staff Present: Consulting Historic Advisory Liaison Deon Wolfenbarger

Agenda Review: The Section 106 review of a Union Pacific project was added to New Business.

Minutes: Jonas requested postponement of the approval of the April 2017 minutes, as she had corrections to the minutes but did not bring them to the meeting.

II. Public comment: No public comment for items not on the agenda.

III. New Business:

Moffat Tunnel Cabins: County Commissioner Gail Watson requested assistance from the HAC to save the worker's cabins at the tunnels. These cabins are owned by the Union Pacific and are located on U.S. Forest Service land. They were inventoried as part of the historic railway corridor survey in 2009. United Power may be interested in partnering with Gilpin County if it can acquire the cabins. At the present, they are subject to deterioration and vandalism.

Newman suggested talking with the USFS first, and Johnson has a contact with the real estate division of the Union Pacific. BoCC Watson will contact these organizations

Redtail Cabins purchase: The owners offered to donate the cabins if they were moved off the property. Johnson received quotes for moving the cabins. BoCC Watson then talked with the property owners about a potential land exchange, and then asked about a purchase of both the land and cabins. The owners offered to sell the two cabins to the county for \$50,000, which is less than the cost of moving. Discussion followed about potential uses for the cabins as well as funding sources for rehabilitation.

Hughes moved and Jonas seconded the following motion: In keeping with the recommendation of HAC's recommendation of Feb. 21, 2017, the Gilpin County HAC supports the county commissioners' efforts to acquire these buildings and their future efforts to preserve the buildings.

Discussion on the motion: Newman noted the preservation of the buildings is within our duties as a preservation commission, but was not sure that a recommendation to acquire them is within the HAC's role. He suggested having the county attorney look into the matter.

Vote: four in favor, one nay. It was recommended that the county ensure that the property is worth \$50,000, and that vehicular access to the property will transfer with the sale.

Russell Gulch cemetery: Russell Gulch residents Forrest and Diane Anderson approached the HAC with request for funding research into the current owner of the Russell Gulch I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The long term goal is to complete a National Register nomination. The cemetery was owned by I.O.O.F. Lodge #42, which no longer exists. It is unknown if the deed was ever transferred to any other Odd Fellows lodge. The records of many lodges have been moved to the state headquarters in Canon City, but are difficult to access.

Discussion followed which resulted in a recommendation that a deed search be included in the next round of survey for Russell Gulch. Wolfenbarger will submit a "Preliminary Property Evaluation Form #1419" to the SHPO in order to receive a preliminary determination of eligibility.

Union Pacific PTC project: The U.P identified the railway right-of-way as a historic resource. While the HAC did not vote to take a position, they recommended requesting that the UP remain aware of previously unidentified historic and archaeological resources discovered during excavation.

CLG grant: suggestions for next grant application: HAC discussion agreed to continue the work in Russell Gulch, and to include the cemetery deed research in the grant. Hidahl moved and Newman seconded a motion to app^y for Phase 2 of Russell Gulch historic resources survey for buildings and mining archaeological resources, and to include deed research for the cemetery. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Oral History project: Equipment was not available for videotaping at the county fair. Instead, July 29th, 2017 has been set up for interviewing residents at the Gilpin County library. Jonas has been working to contact local residents; five people have signed up so far. A second time may be added in October. Jonas has located the original interviews that was conducted in the past, and hoped to copy these to CDs if money was available. Other expenses for the project include mileage. HAC recommended that Jonas put a budget of anticipated costs so a request for funding could be made. Newman mentioned that United Power might be able to underwrite. Flyers about the project could be made available at the Gilpin County fair.


Miscellaneous business:

Historic preservation ordinance revision: suggest looking at other ordinances that work, and cut & pasting from those.

HAC: Members would like be involved with agenda items; a retreat might be a way to set priorities for the upcoming year. Does HAC have any funds in the county budget? Members suggested setting aside a meeting for training – Preservation 101. September 19th was suggested as a possible date.

V. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before HAC, Hidahl moved to adjourn; Jonas seconded; unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bret Johnson
Chair