



## GILPIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2019

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Quorum Call:**

- Present: Chair Bret Johnson, Chair Pro-Tem Jack Hidahl, Susan Meade, Scott Danfelser, B. Travis Wright
- Absent: Sarah Russell
- Staff Present: Deon Wolfenbarger, HAC Consultant; Tami Archer, Secretary

**Agenda Review:** Chair Johnson reviewed the agenda. The Belvidere DOLA grant letter of support was added under New Business.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting were discussed. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Danfelser. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the October 5, 2019 meeting were discussed as well. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Danfelser. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**A. HR 19-04 – 4871 Tolland Road Demolition/Alteration Request**

Consultant Wolfenbarger presented the staff report, noting that this house has been used as the Toll Ranch Caretaker house for many years. She also noted a correction to the staff report in that there is no evidence of a roundhouse ever having been in Tolland. She pointed out that this building and its outbuildings are the only structures on the north side of Tolland Road. Although the historic portion of the house was estimated to have been built in 1920, there is photographic evidence dating it back to 1904. There have been numerous alterations and additions to the original building over many years. She concluded by noting that this proposed demolition only addresses the removal of non-historic additions which are not from the period of significance, and therefore does not impact the structure's eligibility.

There was discussion on integrity and periods of significance, and also the possibility of restoring integrity. There was also discussion on the numerous alterations and how they affected the integrity of the original building. There was consensus among the commissioners that the alterations over the years had negatively impacted the integrity of the structure.

Chair Pro-tem Hidahl moved that the Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission finds that the main building at 4871 Tolland Road is not eligible for landmark designation based on significant alterations to the building's historic appearance, and that no further review is required by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and passed unanimously.

**B. Letter of Support – City of Central DOLA EIAF Grant Application for the Belvidere Theatre**

Ms. Wolfenbarger gave a brief background of the events that led up to the acquisition of the Belvidere Theatre by the City of Central, and noted that this application is to obtain funding for the rehabilitation of the Theatre. There was discussion on the importance of saving this historic building, and the commissioners agreed to support the application. Chair Pro-tem Hidahl recused due to his involvement in his position as an alderman for the City of Central.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve providing a letter of support in favor of the grant, and was seconded by Commissioner Meade. The motion passed unanimously. Staff was asked to provide a copy of the letter to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) at their meeting on November 19, 2019.

**Old Business:**

**A. Historic Preservation Ordinance Update**

Secretary Archer shared that the revised Ordinance was being presented for first reading at the BoCC meeting on November 19, 2019.

**B. Historic Preservation By-laws Update**

Ms. Wolfenbarger presented the staff report outlining the revisions made to the by-laws. There was some discussion regarding the wording in Section 1, specifically the term Chair Pro-Tem in paragraph 4 and recording Secretary in paragraph 6. It was decided to leave Chair Pro-tem, but remove recording Secretary. Chair Pro-tem Hidahl moved to recommend to the BoCC approval of the amended by-laws and was seconded by Commissioner Meade. The motion passed unanimously. Staff was asked to add the by-laws to the BoCC meeting after the new ordinance has been adopted.

**C. 2020 Forum – Tacoma**

Ms. Wolfenbarger provided an update on the grant process for Forum. History Colorado announced that there will be a separate grant application for attendance, and noted that the deadline for the application has not yet been announced.

**D. Thorn Lake School RFP**

Chair Johnson noted that the BoCC approved funding for the critical repairs needed for the Thorn Lake School and that an RFP would be forthcoming.

**Adjourn:** Chair Pro-tem Hidahl moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Danfelser. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bret Johnson  
Chair

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