



**GILPIN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
 MEETING MINUTES**

February 17, 2022

The Gilpin County Historic Preservation Commission convened virtually Zoom Meeting; no physical meeting was held. The recording of this meeting can be found at:

<https://stories.opengov.com/gilpincountyco/published/bblg7waPB>

Call to Order: Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Quorum Call:

- Present: Chair Bret Johnson, Vice Chair B. Travis Wright, Jack Hidahl and Susan Meade
- Absent: Jasper Webb and Jeremy Kaiser
- Staff Present: Tami Archer, Secretary/Liaison; April Nielsen, Permit Tech/Code Enforcement Official

Agenda Review: Chair Johnson reviewed the agenda. No changes were proposed.

Consideration of Minutes: The minutes from December 2, 2021 and June 24, 2021 were presented. Approval of the June 24th minutes had previously been postponed due to lack of a quorum being present at subsequent meetings. Vice Chair Wright moved to approve as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Hidahl. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from December 2, 2021 were presented. Vice Chair Wright moved to approve as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Meade. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- A. LM-22-1 Application for Local Landmark Designation – Severance Lodge, 19507 Highway 119**
 Secretary Archer presented the staff report for the application, noting that she had done a site visit to the property. She introduced the applicant, Judd Motchan. Mr. Motchan went into greater detail about the history of the property, noting that the main stone lodge was likely built prior to the arrival of Horace Severance in 1930. He also noted that the state of disrepair of the various buildings on the site, including the lodge, was not adequately noted on the cultural resource surveys done by Tetra Tech. He discussed in depth the many repairs needed throughout the property.

There was considerable discussion regarding the lengthy history of the site. Chair Johnson asked for a motion regarding eligibility. Vice Chair Wright moved to recommend that the Gilpin County Historic Preservation Commission finds that the property at 19507 Highway 119 is eligible for landmark designation based on 2.a.iii. for exemplifying the cultural, political, economic, or ethnic heritage of the County in the areas of recreation, and under 2.a.iii. Distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of Construction, or artisan; 1. Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period. It retains sufficient integrity for designation in the areas noted in Section 3.3 of Ordinance #19-01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hidahl and approved unanimously.



There was some additional discussion regarding the 50-year period of significance in the ordinance, and the applicability of that period to this application. Commissioner Hidahl moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of the application for county historic designation for the property 19507 Highway 119. The HPC finds that the property is eligible for landmark designation based on *2.a.iii. for exemplifying the cultural, political, economic, or ethnic heritage of the County in the areas of recreation, and under 2.a.iii. Distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of Construction, or artisan; 1. Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.* It retains sufficient integrity for designation in the areas noted in Section 3.3 of Ordinance #19-01. The HPC further recommends that the property's landmark name be "Severance Lodge." The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Wright and approved unanimously.

Old Business:

A. Yacht Club

Secretary Archer reported that the owner of the Yacht Club has not responded to inquiries.

B. Moffat Tunnel/East Portal Work Cabins Designation

There was considerable discussion regarding the possibility of designating the Moffat Tunnel and the work cabins, and how we might be able to move that forward. Commissioner Meade noted that she has asked a family member who works in abatement to review the abatement reports we have received for the work cabins. There was discussion regarding the deteriorating state of the work cabins, as well as the façade of the tunnel entrance. It was decided to meet again in March to develop strategies to work with the Board of County Commissioners to move the effort forward.

Staff Updates:

Secretary Archer shared that Stephen Strohmingler had officially resigned. She also shared that the owners of 1263 Nevadaville Road have expressed interest in learning about local landmark designation for their property, which was listed as a contributing resource in the 2015 Nevadaville Historic Resources Survey Phase 1.

Chair Johnson noted that there was no additional business to discuss and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn: Commissioner Meade moved to adjourn and was seconded by Vice Chair Wright. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Bret Johnson
Chair