To Whom It May Concern,

It is with enthusiasm I write this letter of interest concerning the Gunnison Historic Preservation Committee. I have a love for both history and the Gunnison Valley.

I graduated from Western State in 2010, after which I taught social studies and English at the private school Orsch for two and a half years. After seven years in the valley, in 2013, I left to attend Colorado State University (CSU), where I graduated this summer with my Master's degree in Cultural Resource Management.

Not only were a majority of my Master's classes specific to historic preservation, but I was also commissioned to write a history tying the university's student center to the national historic narrative of the democratization of higher education. My paper and research were used to create informational panels found around the university center to celebrate the university's progress and inform visitors of the school's history. (See attached photos of two panels found in the student center).

Additionally, from April to August I completed an internship as a cultural resource specialist in Cheyenne, WY at the F.E. Warren Air Force Base. I worked directly under the base's cultural resource manager, Travis Beckwith, who taught me everything from the Section 106 process (of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966) to negotiations between the state and installations concerning the transfer of ownership for historic resources.

Between my classes and projects at CSU, I learned about historic architecture and preservation efforts. While at the base, I actively participated in walkthroughs of historic buildings to help ensure that historic integrity was maintained while resided in by base personnel. I also went on tours specific to discussing necessary restoration and rehabilitation efforts. These were great opportunities to learn about building materials and the process for renovations concerning historic structures. Additionally, I have extensive knowledge about the Department of the Interior's Standards of Historic Preservation, the Section 106, architecture, and broad themes of history to help draw conclusions between resources and their historical significance.

Brought back to the valley by the opportunity to working with youth for the Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Project (GCSAPP), I am also impassioned to find ways to use my history degree. This fall I taught Colorado History at the university, which I loved immensely. The more integrated I am in the Gunnison Valley, the happier I am; and thus I hope to assist the Historic Preservation Committee to protect our cultural resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jordan Cooper, MA

Attachments:

1. CSU University Center Project Photographs
    a. "Land Grant Mission"
    b. "Opportunity"
2. List of References

A. "Land-Grant Mission." Photograph showing wording taken from my essay about CSU's history as a land-grant institution, which is now on display in CSU's Lory Student Center.

B. "Opportunity." Photography showing another excerpt of my essay, as displayed at the Lory Student Center at CSU.

References

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To: Paula Swenson; Paula Swenson; Phil Chamberland; Jonathan Houck
Cc: Breanna Shelton
Subject: Fwd: Historic Preservation candidate Jordan Cooper

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Primus <dprimus@gmail.com>
Date: December 21, 2015 at 8:56:11 AM MST
To: <bocc@gunnisoncounty.org>
Subject: Historic Preservation candidate Jordan Cooper

Paula, Jonathon, Phil:

Please strongly consider appointing Jordan Cooper to the Historic Preservation Commission. I met her this fall while she was teaching Duane Vandenbusche's Colorado History class. We had coffee after I did a guest lecture for her and I am quite impressed with her energy, credentials, and passion for historic preservation. She attended our November meeting and met the other members who also are excited about her joining the group.

As you know, the more members with historic preservation credentials, the better our commission will be able to serve the public.

Sincerely,

David Primus, Chair, GCHPC