

## **Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission**

Online Zoom meeting (due to COVID 19 virus precautions) – August 25, 2020

Members Present: Jody Reeser, David Primus, Justin Lawrence, Larry McDonald, Lee Ann Mick, Kathleen Curry

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

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Justin opened the meeting. Jody made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin) to approve the July minutes. It was approved unanimously.

Jody described to the group her suggestion that the HPC offer property developers a description of the historic record for the for their property. The group liked the idea and Jody said she would work on a document to flush out the idea.

Jody lead a discussion regarding protocols for using HPC funds for related but non-HPC projects. The group like the idea of creating an application form and review criteria to bring consistency to the process. Several members expressed a desire to keep the process nimble to better respond to opportunities that might come along. Jody said she would draft up some documents for the group to review.

The group then discussed whether to try a create a document providing guidance on the threshold between actions with locally designated historic structures that do and don't trigger an initial review by the HPC to determine if it will require a full review through the alteration certificate process. Members expressed differing views on the subject. Mike said he would contact other CLGs to determine how they go about dealing with this issue and report back.

Regarding the downtown signage efforts, Lee Ann brought up the issues of getting a clean scan of the City Hall photo. Jody said she could help with that effort.

Dave gave an update of the newspaper digitization (make words searchable) project. They have raised \$10,000 and have started with goal to scan a newspaper between 1880 or so and 1902 to create a consistent record. As additional monies are procured, other newspapers will be added.

Larry gave an update of the Pioneer museum, including back to school articles. He described research resources and that all the newspaper have been microfilmed but not digitized.

Justin gave an update on the restoration of the Alpine Tunnel efforts. Justin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave) to have the HPC send a new support letter for Justin's latest grant efforts. It passed unanimously.

The group asked Mike to send the HPC Bylaws out to the group with regard to designating a Chairman and others on the Commission.

Adjourned 6:40