

Gunnison County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – March 20, 2024

Members Present: LeeAnn Mick, Jody Reeser, David Russell, Shelley Popke, Al Caniff

Others Present: Mike Pelletier (staff)

Jody opened the meeting. Al (2nd LeeAnn) made a motion to approve minutes from February 2024. It was approved unanimously.

The group discussed the Historic Preservation Commission meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, including the need for a follow-up meeting and to hold off on submitting a grant request for a historic survey of Somerset. The group discussed the importance of speaking often about the value of being a Certified Local Government with the state.

The group discussed the need for updating the HPC resolution into one document in order to simplify and clarify items related to the HPC. There was much discussion about how restrictive the HPC should be regarding alteration certificates and the need for clarity in what is and isn't allowed. Jody said that there are jurisdictions that have no alteration certificates required. Jody suggested that an appropriate level would be somewhere between none and "middle of the road". The group generally agreed. LeeAnn said that if it is too restrictive then there will be few listings. Shelley agreed and said that the HPC should strive to be more of a partner and play a supportive role. David described his experience with Crested Butte's Bozar process. He suggested little to no requirements would be appropriate. Al suggested it is very important to keep it simple and to focus on it being an honor to be recognized.

Jody said the current alteration certificate language is much too vague. She added that Certified Local Government's allow for greater protection than state or national designation, which have no oversight. Jody suggested keeping higher level stuff in the alteration certificate process, such as roof style.

The group asked Mike to email the current draft resolution to the group. After two weeks the group should begin an email chain discussing how best to approach drafting changes.

Al told the group about Colorado PBS's poll between the Hartman Castle and a project focused on cemeteries. He said it can be accessed on Facebook and that everyone should vote.

Adjourned at 6:15.