

March 19, 2016 Minutes
Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission Meeting
Beginning at 9:00 am
Old Park County Courthouse, 418 Main St, Fairplay, CO 80440

Attending

Doug Stephens, Chair
Jim Fagerstrom, Vice Chair
Jerry Davis, Member
Brian Woodyard, Member
Steve Plutt, Member
Robert Schoppe, Member
Elissa Adams, Member

Absent

Amy Unger, Member
Erin Gibbs, Staff

Staff:

Linda Balough*

*Linda Balough, Director, Park county Department of Heritage, Tourism & Community Development acted as staff

Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

The agenda was approved as presented, moved by Fagerstrom and seconded by Schoppe. The January minutes were approved with a motion from Plutt and seconded by Fagerstrom.

There was no public in attendance.

Staff Report

In lieu of a staff report, Director Balough updated the Board on departmental matters including the approval of the contract with alm₂s for the development of the Cline Ranch Master Plan. The plan will address possible uses for the Cline Ranch headquarters area and will include recommendations that may serve both the interests of Park County and those of the lessee: the Coalition for the Upper South Platte.

Printing has been completed for the new Fairplay walking tour brochure. Colorado East Bank and Trust will be reimbursing the Department for all costs associated with creating the brochures.

A successful Community Work Day was completed on March 12 to paint the walls of the upper floor courtroom in the Old Courthouse. Staff prepared the space, including cleaning, priming, caulking, and taping. 12 volunteers applied two coats of paint to the courtroom. Lunch was donated by the Fairplay Subway and the paint contributed by the South Park True Value Store.

Because of some budget restrictions caused by high demand for funding by the South Park National Heritage Area and a lack of available county funding, there may be a reduction in the scope of work for summer 2016 construction at the Paris Mill as well as a reduced scope for the current SHF grant application for construction documents. Additional funding is being pursued.

Balough informed the Board that a bill to authorize counties to recognize and designate Pioneer Trails running through their county is nearing the final approval of the Colorado Legislature. Several pioneer or historic trails run through Park County and the designation and recognition of these trails may offer opportunities for education about the history of the county as well as serve as attractions for touring visitors to follow the routes through the county. The proposed Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail runs through the southern portion of the County to a northernmost point near the Tomahawk Wildlife area on the Santa Maria Ranch and returns southward toward Buena Vista. Balough suggested that the Board research other trails that may have come through Park County in order to identify, interpret, and promote them.

Staff informed the board the Buffalo Peaks/Guiraud-McDowell Ranch National Register Nomination had been approved at the State Review Board Meeting on Friday, January 15, 2016. There were minor changes regarding descriptions/photos of building interiors and surrounding vegetation. These will then be submitted to the Keeper at the National Park Service for final designation.

An update on the Park County Cemeteries Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) was provided. Staff reported that Laurie and Tom Simmons of Front Range Research Associates are currently working on the changes requested by the National Park Service for resubmittal. Front Range Research Associates will also be starting research for the Como Cemetery National Register Nomination once a notice to proceed is issued. A Professional Services Agreement is being drafted by staff and will be submitted by the end of January. Water rights issues relating to the Como Cemetery have been resolved.

Staff announced that the Fairplay Intensive Survey CLG grant was awarded to the County. The County expects to go under contract in April. Front Range Research Associates have been awarded the project.

New Business

There were no tax credit reviews

The board reviewed one culturally significant resource application relating to the proposed construction of a garage at 793 Highway 285, Hartsel, Colorado. The property has no historic structures, but a portion of the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railway, which is recorded as eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places, is found on the property. Based on the application documents, the grade has been disrupted by the construction of the existing house and access to the highway. The garage is proposed to be located on or very near the existing railroad grade. The board recommended that a communication be sent to the owner requesting that the footprint of the site be inspected previous to excavation to see if there are any surface artifacts and to continue to inspect soil disturbances to see if any artifacts might be found during the construction of the garage. If significant artifacts are found, the board requested that the Dept. of Heritage, Tourism and Community Development be notified so that the resources can be documented. The board also requested that the owner be made aware of the Denver, South Park and Pacific Historical Society's willingness to help answer any questions about the history of the railroad and area, and to identify any artifacts that might be found at the site. Schoppe, who is also

the president of the DSP&PHS, offered to share his contact information with the owner and requested that staff provide that information to the property owner.

Balough asked that the board begin considering nominations of possible recipients for the annual preservation awards for outstanding efforts toward preserving Park County's history. She suggested that they consider projects that might not have been a high profile project, but deserve recognition for the effort.

Board Member Issues:

Member Schoppe expressed his regret that he might not be as available as he had hoped due to the extensive work needed to be done on the Fairplay Hotel.

Schoppe also noted that a request was made to him to nominate the South Platte Hotel to the Endangered Places list and that he was originally notified that it had made the list, but was withdrawn and was curious as to why Colorado Preservation Inc. chose to withdraw it. Balough is Chairman of the Endangered Places Program and explained that it was withdrawn at the request of Denver Water, who owns the building, with the proviso that they would work with CPI to find a way to preserve the property. She will follow up with CPI staff to see if Denver Water is cooperating.

Chair Stephens announced that his house sold much quicker than expected and that he will be leaving the area in late April. He therefore regretfully resigned from the board. The remainder of the board expressed their regrets over losing him and wished him the best in his travels around the country.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2016 at 9:00am at the Old Park County Courthouse. Plutt moved to adjourn the meeting and Davis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 11:10 am.