

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2015

Attendees: Alexa Roberts, Betsy Barnett, Kelly Courkamp, Kim Barlow
Absent: Jeff Campbell, Danny Richards, Carole Spady
Guests: Cindy McLoud

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Roberts at 6:19 p.m.
- II. Agenda approval:** Agenda approved without amendments
- III. Opening Remarks:** none
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Barlow moved to approve; Barnett seconded. Minutes approved.
- V. Reports**
 - a. Email:** Courkamp checked KCHPC email; Roberts will review and address two emails requiring a response.
 - b. Mail:** Roberts reviewed two dated requests for Section 106 review. One is for a cell phone tower near Arlington on land currently owned by Michelle Wyckoff; a homestead site potentially impacted has previously been identified by the Colorado Historical Society (5KW231). Roberts will follow up. The other is for a cell phone tower near Haswell and included little other information. Courkamp has coordinated with County Administrator Tina Adamson with regards to being notified and receiving commission mail. Adamson agreed to email or call Courkamp to pick up mail as needed.
 - c. Colorado Encyclopedia:** Roberts has been assisting Thomas Gilbert in finding photos of the American Legion hall. Courkamp will check scanned photos or ask Dan Richards for assistance and follow up with Gilbert.
- VI. Unfinished Business**
 - a. CLG Grant:** Roberts has signed the grant; we are awaiting signatures from CLG. The grant total is \$5650. By August 15, we must have collected three bids; provide a resume of the consultant we choose; and a resume from a subcontractor. Courkamp will collect bids and the resume of the consultant we select. Courkamp and Roberts will work together to meet the August 15 deadline.
 - b. Murdock Building:** McLoud reported that work will begin on the Murdock building in August. In the meantime, it needs to be cleared out. Roberts noted that some of the staff from Sand Creek will help move tin and other materials from the building. **The commission urged McLoud to strongly encourage the preservation of the tin from the ceiling, with our full support and recommendation to do so.** Barnett and Courkamp noted that there is room in the Museum basement to store the tin so long as it is put on pallets. Because the building is receiving monies to preserve a historic structure, the commission feels as much historic fabric should be preserved as possible. The commission also noted that there isn't an urgent need to remove the tin that hasn't been removed in order for the contractor's walk through.
 - c. Rialto Hotel:** Barnett reported that she had shown state architect Estella Cole the Rialto Hotel on a recent visit to look at the Plains Theater and the Murdock Building. Barnett had also pursued options to save the building. According to the EPA report with the Brownsfield grant, the building has asbestos in the tile and around heating

and plumbing and a serious mold issue. McLoud had followed up with a Brownsfield rep who stated that the grant can be amended to abate the hazardous materials rather than razing the building. McLoud also spoke with Stephanie Gonzales, director of SECED, about possibilities for pursuing grants or loan to rehab the building and help make it a viable business on Maine Street.

- d. **Website/Brochure Update:** Courkamp has contacted Tori Uhland regarding the status of the website and brochure. If needed, Courkamp will complete remaining work on both items.

VII. New Business: none

VIII. Public Forum: n/a

IX. Announcements

- a. **Press Office:** Barnett shared that Connie McPherson will no longer be running the Press Office due to health issues. Barnett has learned that Chris Sorenson intends to sell the historic business and building by the end of the year.

X. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.