Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting August 3, 2015

Attendees: Alexa Roberts, Betsy Barnett, Kelly Courkamp, Jeff Campbell, Kim Barlow, Danny

Richards, Carole Spady

Absent: Betsy Barnett, Danny Richards Guests: Commissioner Cindy McLoud

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Roberts at 6:11 p.m.
- II. Agenda approval: Agenda approved with additions.
- III. Opening Remarks: The commission offered condolences to Campbell on the loss of his father.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Campbell moved to accept minutes; Barlow seconded. Minutes approved.
- V. Reports
  - a. Bureau Veritas report on cell tower facility near Arlington: Roberts will continue to follow up.
  - b. Treasurer's Report: Campbell reported on the May/June budget update from the Commissioner's office. To date, we've only used \$399.48 from the travel line item.

## VI. Unfinished Business

- a. CLG Grant Contact: The contract has been signed by Roberts and remains in Denver.
- b. Bids for Signage Grant: Courkamp obtained 4 bids for plaques, including one from Jimmy Brown. The commission reviewed bids and agreed it would be ideal to utilize Brown's services. Barlow moved to use Brown for plaques; Spady seconded. The motion was passed. However, Courkamp will follow up with questions about how the plaques would be mounted.
- c. Heritage Trails Wayside Panel: The Heritage Trails Wayside Panel has been produced and was shipped to the Sand Creek office by Kelli Hepler. Van Brown will install the panel.
- d. Photos of Legion Hall: Courkamp had emailed Richards and spoken to him about this request. Roberts will follow up.
- e. Attachment for "grandfathering" state and national designations to local register: The commission discussed the pros and cons of "grandfathering" state and national designations to the local register. At this time, commission members feel it isn't necessary.
- f. Website/brochures: Courkamp has met with Tori Uhland and will follow up.

## VII. New Business

a. CLG Annual Report: Roberts reviewed the completed the CLG Annual Report. She confirmed qualifications and trainings attended by commission members throughout the past year. Commission members offered comments and feedback. Roberts will submit the report to the state CLG program.

## VIII. Public Forum

- a. McLoud shared that the county has purchased a storage trailer for material from the Murdock building project. The county is scheduled to clear out existing materials from the building on August 10. Tin, etc. will not be removed at this time. Roberts again offered assistance from staff at the Sand Creek site.
- b. McLoud suggested a "walking tour" brochure of county historic buildings. The commission could use the image files from the Heritage Trails Wayside panel to produce this type of brochures.
- c. McLoud reported that the Murdock project has received grants from DoLA and SHF and is still pursing funding from other sources.

- d. Regarding the Rialto, the BOCC will have a second public hearing. They have decided to hire a structural engineer to evaluate the soundness of the building. The asbestos in the building is in the tile and around plumbing; mold in the building is the primary health concern. McLoud and Commissioner Donald Oswald have shared at many regional meetings their concerns about the lack of housing in Kiowa County. If the building can be saved from a structural standpoint, McLoud has been discussing options to utilize the building as apartment housing in the future with Jan Richards of KCEDF and Stephanie Gonzales of SECED.
- e. McLoud shared that the *Kiowa County Press* is likely to close within a month.
- IX. Announcements: Barlow passed along greetings from Sharon Johnson to the commission.
- X. Adjourn: Barlow moved to adjourn; Campbell seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.