

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2017

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. **Agenda approval:** Agenda approved unanimously.
- III. **Opening Remarks:** none
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Richards moved to approve the February minutes (no quorum in March, so no meeting or minutes; Campbell seconded. Minutes approved.
- V. **Reports**
  - a. **Rialto Demolition:** The county is in the process of tearing down the Rialto Hotel. Apparently they are in the process of removing the mold and asbestos and then will proceed with demolition. Barnett again voiced her opposition to the process with agreement from the commission. The commission noted the importance of the space being used constructively or an appropriate (non hayshed) commercial building being put up in its place rather than let the lot sit empty. We also discussed Kelly Hardware and the Lumberyard as buildings to try to help move forward with new ownership.
- VI. **Unfinished Business:** none
- VII. **New Business:**
  - a. **Viaero Wireless:** Viaero sent a Section 106 compliance notice regarding cell phone towers that will be constructed near County Road Z and County Road 62 (near the Sand Creek site and possibly in their view shed) and one near County B and County Road 71 (near the county line south of Plainview school). Roberts will respond to the contact noting that there was not sufficient information (such as a clearly marked map or records research completed) in the notice to make a determination of whether any historic resources are impacted; however, we are concerned about the location of the one near the Sand Creek site.
  - b. **Bureau of Reclamation:** Section 106 compliance notice for the Arkansas Valley Conduit Project. They completed geophysical investigations in 2012 without Section 106 notice. They have since met with the SHPO and conducted research for the ground disturbances in Bent, Kiowa, Crowley, Prowers, and Otero counties. They determined a finding of “no historic properties affected by the previously completed geophysical investigations.” They request our concurrence with this determination. The commission noted that we have no basis for concurring since the request is retroactive. Roberts will email the contact.
  - c. **Benefits of Historic Preservation:** Report from CPI and SHF: *Preservation for a Changing Colorado: The Benefits of Historic Preservation 2017 Edition*. The website for the project is [preservationbenefitscolorado.com](http://preservationbenefitscolorado.com). The commission will give one copy to the commissioners, one to the public library, and keep one for ourselves.
  - d. **Archeology & Historic Preservation Month:** We received several posters for Archeology & Historic Preservation Month, which is in May, from History Colorado. Members took posters to post in the community.
- VIII. **Public Forum:** none
- IX. **Announcements:** none
- X. **Adjourn:** Barlow moved to adjourn. Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.