

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2013 – 6:00 PM
NPS Office – Eads, CO

Present: Alexa Roberts; Danny Richards; Kim Barlow; Kelly Courkamp; Sharon Johnson

Absent: Jeff Campbell; Betsy Barnett

Guests: Shawn Gillette

1. Call to order – The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Roberts. A quorum was present.
2. Agenda – Barlow moved to approve the presented agenda. Second by Richards. Motion carried.
3. Opening remarks – none
4. Minutes – Courkamp moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.
5. Reports
 - a. Roberts reported that the dedication of the New Bent's Fort was a great success with over 100 in attendance. The Fort is now open to the public and the Wayside exhibits are in place. Local stonemason, Brad Semmens built the sign bases for the Wayside exhibits using many partner agencies.
6. Unfinished business –
 - a. Goff Hotel – Roberts reported that the Goff Hotel was not selected to be placed on the Endangered Places list. The reason cited was that there had been too much modification from the building's original condition. It was suggested that an intensive level survey be done of the building. KCHPC was very disappointed as the Goff Hotel is the only remaining original hotel structure in Eads and is in danger of being destroyed if not saved.
 - b. BOCC meeting – Roberts reported that she, Campbell and Johnson had met with the BOCC to inform them of KCHPC business. The nomination of the Goff Hotel to the Endangered Places list was discussed as well as the Arkansas Valley Conduit Project of which KCHPC is the liaison between AVCP and the BOCC. Also discussed was a proposed CLG Grant application by KCHPC for an interactive map of historic sites/places in Kiowa County. KCHPC requested an increase in its annual budget so that a part-time employee could be hired to do research for KCHPC. The BOCC said it would consider the request but made no promises citing budget constraints. The BOCC asked if KCHPC could determine the original color of the fencing that surrounded the old Kiowa County courthouse. KCHPC said they would look into the matter.
 - c. Roberts reported that she had contacted the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the placement of the Arkansas Valley Conduit and had suggested that if the conduit remained on the west side of the landfill road, KCHPC would have no issues.

- d. Kiowa County Heritage Trail interpretive panel – KCHPC still has not heard from Kellie Hepler with the revisions requested.
 - e. CLG Handbook – Roberts submitted a 210 word summary of the Towner Bus Tragedy for the CLG Handbook as requested by Patrick Eidmann.
 - f. CLG Grant proposal – Roberts contacted NPS regarding the data of Kiowa County historic places/sites acquired by Joy Lujan, RTCA, and held in GIS. KCHPC wants to access this data to use in an interactive map/website. NPS informed Roberts that it did not have that capability but that it could coordinate with RTCA to possibly make it happen. Roberts will contact Darci Kilpack, Intermountain GIS Program, and Joy Lujan to write a CLG Grant for \$20K to accomplish the task. Courkamp will write a letter of support if necessary from the Kiowa County Historical Society.
 - g. Roberts requested contact information for John A. and Elda Stavely, owners of the Lustron House in Haswell, so that she can send them important information on the historic importance of Lustron homes.
 - h. Johnson reported that she had renewed the annual subscription to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.
7. New business –
- a. CLG annual review - Discussion was held regarding the upcoming annual review to be held on Monday, December 9, 2013. Dan Corson, Intergovernmental Services Director and CLG Coordinator with the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation will conduct the annual review. It was suggested that Corson may want to visit the seven recently selected state and national recipients to the registers of historic places from Kiowa County. Roberts will contact Corson to see if he would meet her in Haswell on December 9, to begin the tour as two of the sites are in Haswell. Johnson will contact the United Methodist Church in Eads to see if the meeting on the 9th can be held in the church's meeting room as the church is also one of the selected sites. All of the seven nominees will be invited to attend along with the BOCC and the general public. Topics for discussion at the meeting could include the nomination of the Goff Hotel to the Endangered Places list, the CLG grant application for an interactive map/website of historic sites/places in Kiowa County, KCHPC's updated website and a possible nomination for the Towner Bus Tragedy Site as a landscape historic site. A time for the meeting will be established after Roberts consults with Corson. Final details for the meeting will be discussed at the regular KCHPC meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
8. Public forum – none
9. Announcements – none
10. Adjournment – Richards moved to adjourn. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Johnson, Secretary