

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2013 – 6:00 PM
NPS Office, Eads, CO

Present: Alexa Roberts; Jeff Campbell; Kelly Courkamp; Kim Barlow; Sharon Johnson

Absent: Betsy Barnett; Danny Richards

1. Call to order – The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roberts at 6:05 PM. A quorum was present.
2. Approval of agenda – Campbell moved to approve the presented agenda. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.
3. Opening remarks – Roberts greeted everyone back from Thanksgiving holidays.
4. Minutes – Courkamp moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.
5. Reports –
 - a. CLG application – Roberts reported that the CLG application for the GIS mapping had been denied because it had been emailed and not postal mailed. Corson has agreed to review the application for resubmission next year.
 - b. Roberts reported that she had sent a letter (copy attached) to Stavelys in Haswell that included the article about the importance of Lustron houses. The hope is that with more information regarding Lustron houses, Stavelys might be more inclined to allow the house to be submitted for inclusion on the state/national register.
 - c. Historical Society/KCHPC request to BOCC regarding Murdock Building – Barlow reported that she had had lengthy discussions with Commissioner Oswald regarding the renovation of the Murdock Building and the disposal of contents many of which may have significant historical importance. Much of the building contents has already been taken to the landfill and is lost. Barlow tried to stress the importance of saving the history that can be saved. Some of the ceiling tiles have been preserved. The cash register will be salvaged and transported to the bank in Eads for display. There is still a question whether or not shelving and/or cabinets will be or can be salvaged. Barlow has asked the BOCC that KCHPC or the Historical Society be contacted before anything is destroyed.
6. Unfinished business
 - a. Plaques – Courkamp has checked into purchasing plaques for our state and national register properties. The costs seem prohibitive at over \$250 each. Roberts reported that the now defunct Boys' Ranch in La Junta had made historical plaques for Otero County and that the county still has the template. It may be possible to use that template and employ the sign shop in La Junta to make signs at a more reasonable price. Further investigation will be done. KCHPC also will ask Dan Corson at the Annual Review for his opinion on the purchase of plaques.
 - b. Heritage Trail Kiosk – Roberts gave all members copies of the latest edition of Kellie Hepler's revision of the Heritage Trail Kiosk. There are still many corrections to be

made. Roberts will contact Hepler with the new revisions. (see attached) It might be possible to Skype with Hepler at Johnson's home if that would be helpful.

- c. Budget – Johnson presented the budget as received from the BOCC. The 2014 budget does not allow for a part-time employee for KCHPC. Johnson will contact the BOCC as regards the non-receipt of the CLG grant which will change the budget figures allowing KCHPC a budget of \$2400 for 2014.

7. New business – Annual review

The annual review will be held at the United Methodist Church in Eads at 6:00 PM on Monday, December 9, 2013. The Methodist congregation will provide the space, tables, chairs and drinks. KCHPC will provide cookies (Johnson & Courkamp). Roberts will provide a laptop and projector for Mr. Corson's power point presentation. Roberts and Campbell will arrange to meet Corson in Haswell by 1:30 PM on Monday, December 9, in order to tour the historic sites there; Missouri Pacific Railway Depot, Holly Hotel, and the Lustron house. They will then travel to Eads where they will visit the Old Gym, American Legion Hall, Crow-Hightower house and Jackson Barn. Cindy McLoud had agreed to give a tour of and talk about the Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center at 4:00 PM. The Murdock Building and Museum will be visible on Maine Street as well. Dinner will be provided at the local restaurant at 5:00 PM with the review and program to follow at 6:00 PM at the church. Roberts will ask Corson to give a short presentation on the benefits and tax credits available for historic properties. Johnson will send email invitations to property owners and local dignitaries.

- 8. Public Forum – Campbell brought to the attention of KCHPC members an NPS publication American Indians and the Civil War in which there is a very good article about the Sand Creek Massacre. The publication is available for purchase at the NPS Office in Eads.

9. Announcements – none

- 10. Adjournment – Barlow moved to adjourn. Second by Courkamp. Motion carried.