

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2012 – 6:00 PM

NPS Office – Eads, CO

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

Absent: Betsy Barnett

Guests: Cindy McLoud; Janet Frederick

1. Call to order – The regular meeting of KCHPC was called to order by Chairperson Roberts at 6:10 PM. A quorum was present.
2. Agenda – There was no prepared agenda
3. Opening remarks – McLoud was thanked for her interest in KCHPC and for attending the meeting. Fredericks was thanked for attending the meeting to retrieve kiosk material for the Wayfinding Project. And, Campbell was thanked for providing refreshments.
4. Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Johnson. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Campbell. Second by Richards. Approved.
5. Reports –
 - a. Murdock Building renovation updates – Johnson reported that Kiowa County Commissioner, Dick Scott, at a Chamber After Hours Meeting at Prairie Pines Assisted Living Facility, had urged voters to contact their congress people to encourage support for the NPS being allowed to render financial aid to the Murdock Project. Roberts reported that attempts for funding through the National Parks Service Foundation were unsuccessful. A Regional National Park Service Representative met with GSA to determine if a lease pay-back arrangement could be made for funding of the Murdock Project. That is still to be determined. It was asked if any of the Sand Creek National Historic Site Native American tribes could contribute to the project. Roberts suggested that the Northern Cheyenne would be the only tribe with a possible financial ability. The project currently is short \$75K and has been granted a six month extension by the SHF. DOLA has been asked to modify the existing contract to include additional funds but has not responded as yet. Kiowa County BOCC has suggested a \$15K contribution to the project for the 2013 budget year.
 - b. KCHPC received correspondence from the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed Arkansas Valley Conduit and Long-Term Excess Capacity Master Contract. This water transfer project intends to bring water from the western slope of Colorado to the eastern Plains for domestic use. Johnson will reply to J. Signe Snortland thanking the department for the notification and requesting that additional correspondence be sent to the KCHPC gmail address in addition to the mailing address to assure that KCHPC receives the information in a timely fashion.
 - c. Roberts reported that she is a member of a History Colorado committee that deals with communicating the goals of History Colorado with Colorado communities through historic preservation commissions. It was suggested that all commission should be members of NAPC.

Motion: Campbell moved to renew KCHPC's membership to NAPC. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.

Johnson will renew KCHPC's membership.

6. Unfinished business –
 - a. Courkamp reported that Lorrie Lynn Chase had given permission for the Crow-Hightower round house at 909 Maine in Eads to be the seventh nominated resource for State Register in KCHPC's CLG Grant Number CO-12-021. FRRA were in Eads on October 30, to do the survey work on the property. The Interim Status Report was sent on October 31, 2012 to Dan Corson at OAHP. Johnson submitted a voucher to the KC BOCC for \$9932.00 for the first payment to FRRA.
 - b. Johnson reported that she and Courkamp had met with the KC BOCC regarding the proposed KCHPC budget for 2013. The BOCC's comments were favorable and it appears that KCHPC may receive its full \$1500 for 2013.
 - c. Roberts reported that the plan submitted for the Wayfinding Project Heritage Trail was very different than what KCHPC had intended. Minutes of the October 10, 2011 KCHPC meeting were consulted and the original plan was recalled. The revised plan will be submitted to the Wayfinding Committee so that adjustments can be made. The Heritage Trail Map should include: the Eads United Methodist Church; Eads Elementary School and Old Gym; Weisbrod Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home; Eads Town Hall; Plains Theatre; Museum; Murdock/Bransgrove Buildings; Kiowa County Courthouse; Stop and Shop Grocery Store; American Legion Hall; Jackson Barn; Haswell Jail; Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site; Sheridan Lake K/A Hall; Woelk Museum.
 - d. Roberts reported that the KCHPC website, prepared by Jeanne Sorensen, looks good with the exception of perhaps too much information being displayed. She suggested that rather than having the resolution and all brochure information on the site, that there should be links to those items instead. Campbell will contact Sorensen regarding the changes.
 - e. Johnson reminded members that Roberts, Barlow and Richards' terms would end in January of 2013. She asked if all would be willing to serve another term. All said that they would. Johnson will submit a letter to the BOCC requesting that all three be reappointed to the commission.
7. New business – None
8. Public forum – McCloud address the commission about several properties within Kiowa County. She said that she had spoken with Cathryn Anderson in Arlington regarding the Arlington School and its possible renovation. Anderson has plans to do some plans to purchase the building and do some renovation. The Rialto Hotel in Eads has been purchased by Char Korrell with the intention of turning it into a B & B. Plans are underway on that project. McCloud and her mother, Joyce Berry, have been investigating possible sites for a fitness center in Eads. They have spoken with the BOCC office regarding part of the Bransgrove Building but there are issues with rent and with plaster possibly falling from the ceiling if upstairs space is used. McCloud has spoken with Mary Holcomb, owner of the Goff Hotel, regarding its status. Holcomb would be willing to sell and does still owe money on the property. KCHPC thanked McCloud for her information and for her interest in historic preservation of the county's assets.
9. Announcements – Roberts announced that the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Healing Run will be held the day before Thanksgiving this year. They are expecting about 200 to attend.
10. Adjournment – Courkamp moved to adjourn. Second by Barlow. Motion carried.