

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2012 – 6:00 PM

NPS Office – Eads, CO

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

Absent: Jeff Campbell; Dan Richards; Betsy Barnett

Guest: William Woelk

1. Call to order – The regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chairperson Roberts. A quorum was present.
2. Agenda – Changes to the presented agenda were as follows: William Woelk was added to the Public Forum; Public Forum was moved to the number five place on the agenda followed by New Business, then Unfinished Business, and then Reports. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Barlow. Second by Courkamp. Approved.
3. Opening remarks – Roberts welcomed Woelk to the meeting, congratulated Courkamp on the successful CLG Grant award, thanked Barlow for providing dessert for the evening and thanked Johnson for attending the Saving Places Conference.
4. Minutes – Courkamp moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Barlow. Approved.
5. Public Forum – William Woelk stated that he and his daughter, Char Correll, were interested in purchasing, renovating and establishing a bed and breakfast in the empty Rialto Hotel on Maine Street in Eads. He needed information regarding placement of the structure on the local historic register and the possibility of grant funding for assistance with the renovation of the building. KCHPC will assist Woelk by nominating the Rialto and the Goff Hotels to the CPI Most Endangered Places List. Before nomination to the local register can occur, Woelk must secure ownership of the building. He will inform KCHPC if and when that happens. At that time, KCHPC will assist Woelk in the nomination process for the local register as that is the building's only eligibility. Roberts also gave Woelk information on tax credit incentives. KCHPC members enthusiastically supported Woelk's endeavor and wished him success. Woelk exited the meeting.
6. New business –

- a. Courkamp reported that before work can begin on the CLG Grant to submit for nomination to the state and or national register places of significance in Kiowa County, permission must be secured in writing from all landholders/building owners. Courkamp has secured permission from the RE-1 School District for nomination of the Old Gym. She has made contact with representatives of the Eads United Methodist Church and will pursue permission there. Barlow will secure permission from Scotty Briggs in Haswell for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Depot. Campbell will be asked to secure permission from Milton Watts for the Eads Lumber Yard. Johnson will contact representatives of the Sheridan Lake School/Kiowa Albright Center for their permission as well as Kiowa County Economic Development Foundation for permission for the Jackson Barn.
 - b. Review of Nomination to local register of Holly Hotel in Haswell – Preliminary review of the nomination of the Holly Hotel in Haswell for the local register was temporarily tabled until Courkamp is able to correspond with the owners to see if they would grant permission to proceed with nomination to the state register. If so, the property would automatically be on the local register. Also, the property would carry more prestige. If the property owners desire to proceed with local nomination, KCHPC will hold the hearing at the regular March meeting.
7. Unfinished business – Courkamp had received an email from FRRRA requesting more background information regarding the Towner Bus Tragedy in preparation for their investigative trip to the area in late February. Roberts responded to FRRRA with an answer regarding the NPS personnel who might have had GIS data on the Towner Bus Tragedy site. Johnson responded to FRRRA with information regarding the Pleasant Hill School House and the possibility that a part of the schoolhouse was moved to Holly and used as a residence there. The residence may still be standing. Johnson supplied FRRRA with additional contacts in the Holly area as provided by Barnett. Confusion regarding the Stewart/Stuart School was answered for FRRRA by Barnett via email from Johnson to FRRRA. Stewart is actually Stuart as Stuart was the town name. It was located approximately at the current site of the Plainview School. The Stewart/Stuart School was not the Pleasant Hill School. As to the ownership of the Andy Reinert House, that is still being sought and will be forwarded to FRRRA when determined.
8. Reports –

- a. Johnson reported on attending the CPI Saving Places Conference in Denver, CO on February 1 – 3, 2012. The conference was very informative. Sessions attended included: Writing and Managing a Successful State Historical Fund Grant: Social Media: Healthy Communities: There Were No Trees: Colorado's Most Endangered Places Announcement Luncheon: Recording Colorado's Rural Landscapes: Advancing Preservation in Colorado: and the Preservation Marketplace and Reception with Silent Auction. Day three of the conference was not attended due to the snowstorm.
- b. Roberts reported having attended at meeting between NPS personnel, CPI personnel and representatives of the Eads Senior Citizens on Monday, February 6, 2012 in Limon regarding funding for the Murdock Building reconstruction ongoing in Eads. She stated that \$218,000 plus had been awarded to roof the Whitelaw and Schoggins Buildings but that a \$93,000 match must be attained. Of that, \$20,000 has been promised. CPI representative, Jane Daniels, is seeking additional funding sources. Doris Morgan of Representative Cory Gardner's office was present and stated that legislation has been introduced that would allow NPS funds to be used to assist in the project. That legislation is not expected to succeed at this time. Belinda Zink, project architect, introduced a spreadsheet that had a breakdown of the \$3 million needed to complete the project.

9. Announcements – none

10. Adjournment – Barlow moved to adjourn. Second by Johnson. Carried.