

Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 1, 2011 – 6:00 PM
NPS Office – Eads, CO

Present: Alexa Roberts; Jeff Campbell; Betsy Barnett; Danny Richards; Sharon Johnson

Absent: Kim Barlow; Kelly Courkamp

Guest: Rod Johnson, SECORHT Board Member

1. Call to order – Roberts called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was present.
2. Agenda- Campbell moved to accept the verbal agenda as presented by Roberts. Second by Barnett. Passed
3. Opening remarks – Johnson reported on the passing of Towner Bus Tragedy Survivor, Elden Reinert on July 29, 2011. A sympathy card will be sent to the family from KCHPC. Johnson also reported on the passing of Esther Philpy, the mother of Kim Barlow and grandmother of Kelly Courkamp, both members of KCHPC. A floral arrangement will be sent to the family of Ms. Philpy from KCHPC. Johnson will attend to both matters.
4. Minutes – Richards moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Second by Campbell. Approved.
5. Reports
 - a. Barnett reported on the status of the Kiowa County Museum and the Kiowa County Historical Society. The BOCC may decline to insure the contents of the KC Museum and the KC Public Library District. Discussion followed regarding these decisions and their ramifications. Johnson stated that she had penned a letter to the editor of the Kiowa County Press to be published in the August 4, 2011 edition about the actions (or lack of) by the BOCC. Barnett also informed the commission that the KC Historical Society has not been recognized by the Secretary of the State of Colorado since 2008 and that there seems to be considerable confusion among the BOCC in the differences between the KC Historical Society and the KCHPC. Roberts will attend the meeting of the BOCC on August 11, 2011 to try to clear up the confusion. A comment from visitor, Rod Johnson, suggested that the KC Historical Society perhaps should re-establish itself as a museum association to avoid future confusion.
6. Unfinished business –
 - a. Roberts recapped the CLG Grant KCHPC was awarded for “Places Associated with Towner Bus Tragedy Interpretative Brochures, Panel & Kiosk Construction”. An agreement has been reached between CLG, KCHPC and FRRA on the “scope of work” to be completed for the \$2500 awarded. A copy of that “scope of work” is attached. A follow-up grant will be applied for in 2012 for an in-depth survey and for the actual construction costs.
 - b. Roberts gave an update of the Heritage Trail project. (copy attached to minutes) She presented samples of captions for the interpretive panel for the roadside park. This is part of the “way finding project” being done by the Southeast Colorado Regional Heritage Taskforce, CDOT and other partners

through a grant from Preserve America. The Heritage Trails project that Joy Lujan, RTCA, had worked on for KCHPC will be the panel displayed on the kiosk. Lujan will ask RTCA for \$1500 to do design and layout for the Heritage Trails Panel. Input was needed from KCHPC as to the "Eads Loop Heritage Trail". The commission decided to include all properties on the local and/or state register as well as the WPA structures.

- c. Roberts reported that Joy Lujan's report, which includes the inventory of historic places throughout the county identified during our three public meetings, has been posted on the KCHPC web page Jeanne Sorenson is creating for us. (report in included with minutes)

7, New business – none

8. Public forum

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment – Campbell moved to adjourn. Second by Richards. Approved.