



MINUTES

Glenwood Springs Historic Preservation Commission
Place: Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall
Date: June 3, 2019
5:15 p.m.

Members

Present	Members Absent	Others In Attendance
Ron Carsten	Marice Doll	Gretchen Ricehill
Debra Bosna		
Haley Carmer		
Edward Chusid		
Bobbi Hodge		
Patricia Stark		
Deborah Williams		

Call to Order

Chair Ron Carsten called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Announcements:

1. Patricia Stark informed the Commission that the City cut down a number of willow trees on the east side of the Farnum-Holt property. The Commission briefly discussed its role and influence in the greater development review process.
2. Artist Frank Mechau’s studio may have been located in one of the buildings proposed for demolition by ANB Bank. Mechau was a well-known WPA artist who grew up and worked in Glenwood Springs.

Minutes

The May 2019 minutes were approved with one correction to the date of the meeting: May 6, 2019.

Old Business

City Council/HPC Joint Workshop

The Commission discussed its top priorities. Gretchen Ricehill indicated that most of the goals were actually projects. She suggested grouping the projects under broad headings and provided a cost estimate for some of the projects.

Goal: Heritage Tourism Promotion

- Projects: Develop and install PPOO route markers & interpretive sign \$10,000
 Create the Hot Springs Historic District \$10,000

Goal: Preservation & Restoration - \$45,000 - \$60,000

- Projects: Preserve ghost signs, create a matching grant program - \$15,000
 Preserve & protect Coal Camp
 Identify and protect heritage trees
 Expand Commission’s role in design / development review

Goal: Education & Outreach - \$20,000

- Projects: Continue architectural and historical surveys
- Continue funding HPC training
- Develop public educational programs such as bringing in speakers on various topics

The Commission discussed the estimated budget of each project, prioritization, and use of grant funding to off-set budget requests.

Bobbi Hodge indicated that her top priorities included budget. The second goal is the role of the Commission in a) design review in the Confluence redevelopment and b) development projects which alter the character of the community; and the third priority or goal being the completion of certain projects such as Coal Camp, ghost signs and tree preservation.

Bobbi Hodge further stated that the role of the commission seems to have been dropped from the goals.

Haley Carmer added that the goal is to be a more active Commission and have more impactful reviews of applications to ensure the preservation of the character of the city which brings tourists to the community. She suggested combining historical surveys and national register nominations as one project under the Education/Outreach goal.

Patricia Stark indicated that there is a need to educate residents. Ron Carsten agreed that this should be emphasized in the goals.

Bobbi Hodge pointed out that the goals appeared as a pyramid with education as the foundation.

Haley Carmer added that the Commission needs to educate Council about the community's heritage and suggested that Ron Carsten provide Council with a copy of the booklet, as a beginning.

The Commission discussed the format of the discussion with Council: providing Council with a handout that included additional information about the Commission and its mission, role, programs, landmarked buildings, and annual work plan.

Freight Building-Update

Gretchen Ricehill informed the Commission that the demolition bid will be awarded at the June 6th City Council meeting. Staff recommends Kirsten which was the lowest responsible bidder.

Debra Bosna asked about Silt Historical Society's offer to take the entire building. Gretchen Ricehill explained that part of the bid required that the metal panels be taken for salvage and the city be paid for the salvage. It was determined to be too late in the bid process to change direction. To eliminate the salvage component would require that the entire project be re-bid.

Interpretive Signage-Update

Gretchen Ricehill indicated that she will be meeting with Patricia Stark and Deborah Williams next week to discuss sign content. She appreciated their assistance. Photographs will be included in the sign. The entire commission will have the opportunity to review and comment on the content of each sign. After that, the drafts will be sent to CDOT and the State Historical Society for review/approval.

New Business

Structures of Merit

Structures of Merit are those buildings that are not landmarked but that are worthy of special recognition. The workplan indicated that Commission consider properties for the Merit list beginning in March. Staff will provide a list of surveyed and landmarked properties.

The Commission also discussed Preservation Awards – a recognition of people that have preserved structures, objects or buildings. Gretchen Ricehill informed the Commission that it is scheduled to formally start the nomination process in August.

South Canyon /Coal Camp history

Gretchen Ricehill reminded the Commission that they were going to meet with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the South Canyon report prepared by Eric Twitty.

Commission Comments and Other Business

Edward Chusid announced that he has been in contact with an expert regarding the heritage tree program. The next step is to meet with the Commission to discuss the details of a survey plan. The Commission agreed to meet with him in August. Haley Carmer stated that the arborists from Earthwise also expressed interested in helping with the tree survey.

CMC is working on a project to clean up South Creek in South Canyon. Ron Carsten discussed the care that needs to be taken when cleaning up in and around the archaeological sites.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:35 PM.