



Historic Preservation Board Meeting

January 5, 2022

5:00 pm, Mesa Verde Room, City Hall

In attendance: Patricia Lacey, Linda Towle, Holly Tatnall, Robert Dobry, Mitchell Toms, Tamira Osborne, Drew Sanders (arrived late due to another commitment).

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Introduction of those present: Tamira Osborne, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, was introduced as temporary assignment to the board to assist with posting public notices and minutes as needed.

Public Input and Comments- none

Approval of Minutes

The December 1, 2021 minutes were reviewed by the Board. Holly made a motion to approve the December minutes and Linda seconded, with a typo noted on the second page. *All ayes, motion passed.*

New Business

- a. City Planner and Associate Planner Position: In Drew's absence, Tamira explained that the City has hired Rachael Marchbanks as the Community and Economic Development Director. Planning will fall under her direction with the creation of the new department. The City has advertised both positions without receiving any viable applicants for either position. In the interim, the City has a contract pending, with an outside company for planning services.
- b. Certified Local Government (CLG) Training: Historic Preservation Easements: Patricia attended the training via ZOOM on December 15, 2021.

*Report to Cortez Historic Preservation Board of CLG Webinar: Historic
Preservation Easements
December 15, 2021 via Zoom*

Easement is a voluntary legal agreement that protects a significant historic archaeological resource.

Cynthia Breen-Nasky, Director of Preservation Programs for the Colorado Historical Foundation

The Colorado Historical Foundation has been certified to become able to manage Easements. A certified Easement Holding organization.

If you have an Easement you –

- 1. Relinquish partial development rights*
- 2. Maintain the property to Secretary of the Interior standards, with its defining characteristics*
- 3. Obtain prior approval for any exterior alterations*

The goal is that the property become economically viable.

Tax benefits –

If donated can receive 90% tax credit and can syndicate the funds

- c. CREA Grant for \$200 for Historic Preservation Day: The grant from Cortez Retail Enhancement Association has been received. That amount will be applied to promotional materials for 2022 Historic Preservation Day coming up in May.
- d. Election of Officers: Nomination of Chair – Linda Towle nominated Patricia Lacey, Holly Tatnall seconded. *All ayes, motion passed.*

Nomination of Vice Chair – Mitchell Toms nominated Linda Towle, Holly Tatnall seconded. *All ayes, motion passed.*

Old Business

- a. Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF) Survey Planning Grant 2021. Project #2021-SP-001 progress: Linda advised the final draft has been submitted, their new person Michael Owen, has taken it to review.
- b. Real Estate Information Sheet: Update is not available, Cody is not present.
- c. 2022 CLG Grant application: Linda submitted the grant to Chris Burkett today, we could possibly hear the determination in March.

Other Business

- a. Linda discussed donating the old Historic Preservation posters and Walking Tour brochures to Pinon Project.
- b. Linda mentioned that she was contacted by a property owner seeking information about historic placards for both of his properties. He was directed accordingly.

Update from Representatives on Board

Realtor Update: n/a

Cortez Cultural Center: Holly advised that Becky has done a phenomenal job getting grants, and improving the downstairs.

Montezuma County Historical Society: Patricia advised the Museum opening has been delayed until spring, specific date is unknown.
Linda suggested inviting the museum's involvement in Historic Preservation Day.

Report to Cortez Historic Preservation Board of Montezuma County Historical Society Meeting December 14, 2021:

Membership: 108

Dolores State Bank Operating Balance: \$ 8,762.06

First National Bank Museum Fund : \$ 35,270.21

Melissa Bruner will take on the Treasurer duties

Volunteers can help with Curation: Joyce Lawrence 970-560-0397 or rjl@fone.net

Regular curation hours: Wednesday 9:00am – noon

Newsletter has gone out

Working on exhibits. Photos of Mancos displayed.

Grants: DOLA \$5,000

Onward! \$3,000

Chamber of Commerce: Mitchell discussed the new Chamber location with work center. The improvements are progressing and they expect to be open in a couple of weeks. Linda mentioned that at the public meeting Colton Black had asked why the two buildings on Main St. that were formerly department stores aren't eligible for the registry. The store fronts on the surface to appear to qualify. Jill Seyfarth, formerly of Cultural Resource Planning who completed previous survey reports, will check into it for clarification.

Planning and Zoning: n/a

City Council: Robert advised City Council has concluded their break, returning to the regular schedule with the January 11, 2022 workshop and meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.