



**Historic Preservation Board Meeting
Monday January 9, 2023, Minutes
5 PM, Mesa Verde Room, Cortez City Hall**

In attendance: Mitchell Toms, Rachael Weaver, Linda Towle, Holly Tatnall, Rob Dobry, Rachael Marchbanks.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

Introduction of those Present: None

Public Input and Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November minutes by Mitchell, Rachael Seconded. Minutes were approved.

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers: Linda Towle was nominated by Mitchell to be Chairman, seconded by Holly. Holly Tatnall was nominated to be Vice-Chairman. The Nominations were unanimously approved. Linda made the request that someone take charge of Historic Preservation Day. Details to be discussed at February meeting.
- b. CLG Evaluation: the City must be evaluated every 4 years to continue as a CLG. The CLG Coordinator, Lindsey Fleweling, has contacted Linda to set up our evaluation.
- c. City Website: Rachael led the group thru the city website to locate the Historic Preservation Board where the agenda and minutes are posted.
- d. NAPC Training: Linda sent out email with information on training available online on February 2: Design Review with Limited Resources: Working Without Professional Preservation Staff.

Old Business:

- a. 2021 CLG grant: This is being wrapped up with final details being completed by Scott Baker, city Grants Coordinator.
- b. 2022 CLG grant- Auto Tourism: Jen Wahlers, the contractor, was in town November 14-17 to photograph sites and do research on properties. She & Linda talked with Ty Backstrom, owner of Ute Mountain Motel, and also met with Chuck Hammond who also owned several properties. He provided historic photographs to help with Jen's research. Jen has completed two site forms for submission.

- c. 2023 CLG grant Application: Linda reported that this application is being finalized and will be ready for submission by due date of Tuesday, Jan 17. It proposed to inventory 14 commercial and 10 residential properties.
- d. 13th Annual Historic Preservation Day - May 20th: The Board applied for and received a \$300 grant from CREA, \$100 for posters and \$200 towards publicity. The theme for this year's event to be determined at our February meeting.
- e. Administrative support for the Board: The City is re-advertising for an economic development/ associate planning position. Once this position is filled, the hope is that the person will provide some administrative support to the board.
- f. Compass access: Rachael is applying so that Compass access will be available to board members.
- g. Updated Membership Information: The current spreadsheet was passed around for correction and email addresses were added.
- h. J C Penney's application: Linda said the historical recognition application for the JC Penney building is ready to be submitted to City Council.

Representatives Updates:

- a. City Council: No updates since no recent meetings. Update on graffiti on KSJD building and removal since historic structure.
- b. Realtors: Rachel Weaver is compiling a detailed overview of historic structures on the market and their status. She will email list to HP board members.
- c. Cortez Cultural Center: The center is closed for the month of January. They will be having a Zoom meeting with Kate from CPI, Inc. to discuss help in the preservation of the Lamb Building. They are also looking at developing a food festival for the Fall. Birding Festival is on for May. Linda advised that new grant funds for Historic Preservation will be available through CPI. The program is being administered by NPS.
- d. Chamber of Commerce: Mitchell reported that the Chamber has received some good press lately, and has hired a highly qualified new director and is promoting membership. Reminder that chamber leases cubicles, office space. Also mentioned that a local family, the Padilla family, has taken over Shiloh's restaurant. He also mentioned that Rural Philanthropy Days will be taking place in Durango this year.
- d. P and Z: Rachael mentioned that the City and the county are reevaluating the land use codes.
- e. Montezuma County Historical Society: The new Museum is now open 12-4 Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will most likely be revisited in January.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.