

**Historic Preservation Board Meeting**  
Minutes – July 6, 2010

Present: Kathy Jordan, Zebulon Miracle, Jon Schler, Yvonne Piquette and John Slay  
Not Present: Michael Menard and Peggy Page  
Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, Neighborhood Services

The Board convened at 4:00pm at Potters Field Cemetery on Orchard Mesa

**Minutes of June 1, 2010 Meeting.** Zebulon Miracle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2010 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (5-0) on a second by Jon Schler.

**Potters' Field Tour and Discussion.** Kathy Jordan provided Board members with an article about the history of the Potters' Field. The site had an early history due to its proximity to the railroad, including homes in the area for workers while the railroad bridge across the river was completed. Potters' Field is possibly the City's first cemetery with the first person buried there in 1881. Many of the gravesites are unmarked; the last known burial was in 1936.

Twenty-five years ago the Telephone Pioneers of America adopted the cemetery and annually hold a work party at the site to clean up trash and weeds and trim the sage brush. They also installed a sign on the site. The names of those known to be buried in the cemetery are engraved on the back of the sign. Recently, someone removed all of the sage brush that had been growing across the site. Without the sage to help hold the soil, there is some concern that the cemetery could be susceptible to a higher rate of erosion. The Board suggested perhaps new or additional interpretive signage could be placed at the site subject to City approval. In addition, there is a possibility of further research into persons that may have been buried in Potter's Field but are presently unknown. In order to locate those grave sites, it was mentioned that there is ground-penetrating radar technology that could be used for that purpose.

**2011 Most Endangered Places Nominations.** The Board discussed submitting a nomination of the Grand Valley Diversion Dam since it appears only part of it was recently improved. Kristen will provide Kathy with the materials that were submitted the last time it was nominated and Kathy will prepare the nomination.

**2010 Board Retreat.** Kristen stated that Joseph Bell of the Colorado Historical Society would be able to attend an event sometime during the last two weeks of August. Based on Board input, it will be scheduled the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and held at downtown historic building. Details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.