

Historic Preservation Board Regular Meeting

Minutes – November 1, 2016

Present: Chris Endreson, Jon Schler, Jody Motz and Shane Allerheiligen

Not Present: Troy Reynolds, Scott Wolford and David Bailey

Also Present: Kristen Ashbeck, City Community Development and Kate Graham, Colorado Canyons Association

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm at City Hall by Chair Endreson.

Highway 50 Heritage Corridor Project Update. Kate Graham introduced herself and gave a brief background of the Colorado Canyons Association (CCA) and its role as stewards of the three National Conservation Areas (NCAs) in this area – McInnis Canyons, Dominguez-Escalante and Gunnison Gorge. The primary focus for this discussion was the Dominguez-Escalante NCA and the current planning efforts to promote it has a heritage tourism corridor approximately from Grand Junction to Delta. CCA already conducts educational visits with school groups in the area that are District 51 curriculum based. Development of the corridor would enhance these efforts.

The resource management plan for the Dominguez-Escalante NCA is expected to be approved by the Department of the Interior within a few weeks. CCA had recently applied for a TAP grant for a first phase of corridor improvement by constructing 10 informational pull-outs along Highway 50 working with CDOT but the grant was not approved. The CCA will continue to seek funding as the plan evolves.

The Board agreed it was a very interesting and worthwhile endeavor and would continue to support it as needed. Chris Endreson suggested looking at how the Enchanted Highway in North Dakota is promoted as well as CCA possibly working with the Center for Preservation Research at the University of Colorado-Denver. Jon Schler suggested a more digital approach to providing information along the corridor might be cost-effective as a first phase. The Mesa County Public Library's WildCO App might be a good example. Jon also thought it would be important to show how the area changes from season to season.

Minutes of October 4, 2016 Meeting. Shane Allerheiligen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting with a correction Duncan's name – Rowley. The motion passed unanimously (4-0) on a second by Jon Schler.

Draft Letter to City Council re: Expiring Board Term. Board members had reviewed and approved the draft letter and gave direction to send it to the City Council as it considers an appointment to replace Jon Schler's expiring term.

December Meeting. The Board will meet at its regular day and time (Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 4:00 pm) to consider two Certificate of Appropriateness applications.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.