

Saguache Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting

September 24, 2009

Present: Committee members Leslie Griffith, Rick Barandes, Tina Serna (representing the Town of Saguache), Jane Martin, Lindy McDaniel, Kate Vasha, Burt Wadman; guest Kim Smoyer

The inaugural meeting of the Town of Saguache's Historic Preservation Commission opened at 7 p.m. at the Saguache Library with roundtable introductions, including a little background from each member on why they volunteered to be on the commission.

Kim Smoyer then brought the group up to date on the town's efforts to purchase the Hamill Superette. She also read an email to the group from Patrick Eidman of Colorado Preservation Inc. (That email is attached and made part of these minutes thereby.) Kim emphasized how important the work of the commission will be to the Downtown Revitalization effort and other initiatives around town. Kate committed to sending Patrick an email about the outcome of our first meeting. (***Done.***)

Kim also passed on information about several learning opportunities:

1. A reception and presentation on Monday, September 28th at 6 pm at the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Antonito Depot. Purpose: to learn more about the Colorado Tourism Office's new Quality Standards for heritage tourism attractions. (Rick and Leslie attended.)
2. An all-day training session conducted by the Colorado Historical Society's Office of Historic Preservation on Oct. 1. (Burt, Jane and Kate attended.)
3. **Upcoming:** South Central Colorado Regional Historic Preservation Forum. Saturday November 12, 9:30 to 12:30 in the Alamosa City Hall council chambers (425 4th Street, upstairs). This will be a good chance for commission members to meet representatives from the seven nearby governments that are Certified Local Governments—Alamosa, Gunnison County, Lake City, La Veta, Pagosa Springs, Park County and Salida—and to learn what is going on in those communities.

Election of officers. The group elected Tina Serna as chair, Leslie Griffith as vice chair and Kate Vasha as secretary.

Bylaws. The commission needs to adopt the bylaws that we will operate under. Kate committed to have draft bylaws out in time for members to take a look at so that we can adopt bylaws at our next meeting.

Ordinance. The commission's first task is to create the ordinance we will operate under. (We are currently operating under Town Ordinance 2009-4, which created the commission and directed us to "[W]ithin six months of its first regular meeting, create a draft historic preservation ordinance for review and adoption by the Town Board.")

Kate said she would mail out the preservation ordinances from other towns and counties that she has collected. **(Done.)**

Next meeting. The group discussed asking Patrick if he had time at the tail-end of his October 3 visit to the town for the 4th Street workday to meet with us. Kate emailed him, but he had to be in Fort Collins early in the afternoon of the 4th and so was unable to meet.

At our next meeting, we need to set a regular date, time and place for our meetings.