

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Saguache Historic Preservation Commission**  
**May 28, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Saguache Public Library**

Present: Chair Leslie Griffith, secretary Kate Vasha, members Byron Williams, Burt Wadman, Marge Hoglin and May Enquist. Absent: Jenny Rhodes.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

I. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as posted, with one addition.

II. Public input

There was no public input.

III. Update on State Review Board recommendation on Saguache Downtown National Historic District/next steps (Kate Vasha/May Enquist)

May and Kate updated the group on the May 16 History Colorado Review Board meeting in Denver, which they attended. The meeting went very well; the board members had virtually no comments or questions for Tom Simmons and voted to pass the application along to the National Park Service with a recommendation that the district be approved. The President of Aventa Credit Union was there to support the application, as was a member of the Cox family (owners of the hotel). She indicated that she would like to talk to the HPC about the future of the hotel, possible grant opportunities etc.

IV. Nomination of Aventa Credit Union for Colorado Preservation Inc. award

The group discussed the advisability of nominating Aventa Credit Union for a Colorado Preservation Inc. award for their re-purposing of the old Saguache County Bank building. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea, and Kate will move forward with this.

V. Training requirements/opportunities

Kate reminded everyone of the requirement that at least one member of the commission receive training about historic preservation each year. Kate plans to attend an all-day workshop at History Colorado in July. She will get the word out as

soon as she hears about the regional workshop (like the one Saguache hosted last year), which will take place in Salida this summer.

VI. Preservation guidelines discussion

Everyone agreed that the guidelines are substantially complete.

VII. New Business: Landmarking of buildings outside the boundaries of the proposed National Historic District

Given the citizen unrest that resulted from the zoning discussion this last winter, the group decided that the best strategy is to wait and see if the National Historic District is approved. If it is, the HPC and the town will do publicity about this, and then let things settle down for a while. In the meantime, the HPC will work on putting local landmarking in place for historic buildings that fall outside the boundaries of the district—with owner's consent only.

Each member will bring a list of 2-4 buildings they feel should be part of this effort to the next meeting.

VIII. Set next meeting date

The next meeting will take place July 16, 2014 at 5:30 at the Saguache Public Library.

IX. Adjourn