



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO
MINUTES**

April 1, 2021 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

John O'Brien, Nancy Locke, Vic Kuklin, Jo Reese, Melanie Roth, Katy Welter were present. Suzy Kelly was present at 3:42 pm.

III. AGENDA ADOPTION

John proposed an additional item for discussion: public request to correct minutes from February 2020. Melanie moved and Nancy seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with John's addition. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2021

Jo Reese moved to approve and Dan Courtright seconded, subject to Melanie's amendments for clarity. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Katy relayed a request from a member of the public who requested a correction to the February 2020 minutes. The HPC agreed with the correction and Mark said he would forward corrected minutes to the BOT.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Ethics lesson learning experience

John shared a story about a prospective buyer of a historic property who solicited advice from John and Katy regarding the likelihood that the building would be deemed historic and/or have a demolition delayed. John stressed that we might be personally liable for giving advice that the buyer would rely upon, possibly to their detriment.

Mark stressed the importance for anyone contacted in that way to forward the individual to Town Staff (Mark). John will look into training options and report back to the board.

B. Strategic planning subcommittee schedule looking forward

- i. New commissioner. Melanie Roth brought forward a recommendation for a board candidate: Mary Therese Anstey, an architectural historian who worked for History Colorado as a survey coordinator and now has a consulting business called History Matters, LLC. Mark suggested inviting her to a meeting, which John will do.
- ii. Local landmarking. Suzy reported that the subcommittee submitted the application for local landmarking of the old Courthouse. That application will be reviewed at the next meeting. Suzy also talked to several other property owners about local landmarking and several were interested in doing so. Katy expressed that she and Rick would like to apply to place 410 E Main Street on the local, state, and national registers this year.
- iii. Architectural Design Guidelines. Dan reported that he is going to lead a webinar for History Colorado about the experience creating ADG's. He will bring the presentation to the HPC before presenting. He will make sure that the ADG's are accessible on the Town's website. He would also like to send a copy to local realtors so that they can have it right on their computers to share with prospective clients.
- iv. Marketing. Jo Reese will set up a meeting of the subcommittee for next week to discuss the steps moving forward. A number of potential opportunities were discussed.

C. 305 Chestnut demo permit discussion

The commissioners discussed the next steps documenting the property prior to demolition. Melanie recommended that a video of the property is made just prior to demolition once the interior of the building is cleared of all the stored materials.

D. Residential Survey update

Katy noted that the Chaffee County Courthouse records are opening up and now available for the Simmons. It is expected that the survey project will be completed by the end of the year.

E. Historic Records Grant discussion

John put together electronic versions of every historic record and distributed them to History Colorado, BV Library, BV Heritage, Mark, and Katy.

Vic and Suzy met with the BV Library Director, who is open to helping promote the digital archives collection, but may not have the staffing to help with scanning. Katy spoke with the Lake County Library Director, who is happy to share their experience with digital archiving, and also referred Katy to a local digital archives professional named Andrew Woods. Katy will follow up with Andrew.

F. Updates from related organizations

Vic shared that the courthouse window restoration is more costly than anticipated due to the presence of asbestos.

G. Next meeting date and location: May 6, 2021 3:00 pm

H. STAFF UPDATES

Local landmark plaques are in and look great. John will help to install the first plaque at Nancy Locke's house, and there was a consensus that the HPC should take photos and inform the public.

J. ADJOURNMENT at 4:35pm

Respectfully Submitted



John O'Brien Chair

