



MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO

May 6, 2021 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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I. CALL TO ORDER

John called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

John O'Brien, Nancy Locke, Vic Kuklin, Suzy Kelly, Jo Reese, Melanie Roth, Mark Doering, Katy Welter, and Mary Therese Anstey. Dan Courtright joined mid-meeting.

III. AGENDA ADOPTION

Suzy moved to approve the agenda and Melanie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2021

Melanie moved to approve the minutes as drafted and Jo Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Commissioner Candidate interview – Mary Therese Anstey

Mary is an architectural historian interested in serving on the Buena Vista Historic Preservation Commission. She shared her experience, which included serving as staff to the City of Aurora HPC. Mary's application is included in the meeting packet. After Mary and the HPC exchanged a number of questions, Katy moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees that they appoint Mary Therese Anstey as an alternate on the Historic Preservation Commission on the May 25th agenda. Jo Reese seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ethics lesson learning experience

John contacted Erica Duvic (History Colorado CLG Coordinator) to see if she could provide any training regarding ethics. As Erica is now leaving her position with History

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Colorado, John proposed the idea of an experienced commissioner or chair to talk to us about this subject. Melanie also suggested that we might attend experienced HPC meetings. John will look into both.

C. Strategic planning updates

Jo Reese updated on the marketing strategic planning goal. Jo proposed that we publicly and consistently adopt the mission statement “to protect a sense of time and place with preservation of historic buildings in Buena Vista.” She also proposed taking steps toward making public statements on the Town of Buena Vista website, possibly creating a Facebook page, and other outlets. Mark stressed the importance of any such communications representing official positions from HPC/Town, but not the personal views of the individual commissioners. John O’Brien moved that Town create an HPC designated email address and that Jo Reese create a Facebook page for the purpose of sharing HPC information, with anything to be previously approved by Mark. Jo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The local landmarking update is addressed in item G.

No other updates at this time.

D. Residential Survey update

Front Range Research Associates (Tom and Laurie Simmons) have made significant progress on the residential surveys, but they noted that many buildings lack historic integrity, but would still qualify for local landmarking under our code. The HPC discussed whether it would like to propose to the Board of Trustees that we make historic integrity a requirement under the municipal code. The consensus was to leave the code as is so that we can have a generous standard for local landmarking, and so that decisions about local landmarking do not hinge on integrity.

E. Historic Records Grant discussion

Katy updated that the photo archives project volunteers met on Sunday to discuss next steps. Suzy emphasized that her priority is identifying the photos using archival pen as the first priority while the group figures out a strategy to continue scanning the photos. Katy will attend the BV Heritage meeting on May 25 to discuss the best approach to storing/sharing the photos.

F. Updates from related organizations

Katy Welter shared that she is representing (in her professional capacity as an attorney) the owners of 420 E Main St. She will not be able to discuss with HPC or vote on any matters pertaining to the project; and she will not advocate for the owners before HPC. John expressed that these types of situations were a normal part of professionals volunteering on small town boards, and that accepting that fact is essential to attracting qualified professionals as volunteers. Mark shared details about the timeline to have a public hearing; July 1 appears likely.



Vic updated that BV Heritage is making significant progress on restoring the windows in the courthouse, but that it means the courthouse won't be open to the public until June 15.

- G. Buena Vista Court House landmark application – Set hearing for next meeting
Mark indicated that we would need to publish notice in next week's paper if we are going to having a public hearing about the local landmarking. The HPC agreed that it would like to hear this application on June 3.
- H. Next meeting date and location:
The Board discussed where to meet and there was consensus to meet in person in Pinon Room but offer zoom link option.
- I. Next meeting date and location: June 3, 2021 3:00 pm at the Pinon Room, **in person!** with additional access via zoom.
- J. STAFF UPDATES – Mark noted that the town continues to see a lot of building and development activity.

K. ADJOURNMENT at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

John OBrien

John O'Brien - Chair