



MINUTES

Glenwood Springs Historic Preservation Commission

Place: Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Date: August 3, 2020

5:15 p.m.

Members

Present

Members Absent

Others In Attendance

Present	Members Absent	Others In Attendance
Ron Carsten		Gretchen Ricehill
Edward Chusid		
Debra Bosna		
Haley Carmer		
Marice Doll		
Patricia Stark		
Deborah Williams		

Call to Order

Chair Ron Carsten called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Announcements

Debra Bosna, Deborah Williams, and Patricia Stark attended an Arts & Culture board meeting where downtown murals were discussed. It was requested that the Historic Preservation Commission be involved in the review of mural locations and themes. Six downtown buildings were considered. The cost of each mural was estimated between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The proposed mural theme is angel wings. The city has applied for a National Endowment for the Arts grant and according to the grant request, there will be a process for reviewing the murals. Roughly, it will follow the same review/approval/outreach process as for the statue in the North Landing.

Ron Carsten asked about the concept or theme. It was the general feeling that the Arts & Culture Board was not going to favor murals with historic subjects, and that angel wings were already determined to be the mural theme.

Minutes

The July 2020 minutes were approved as written.

New Business

2020/21 Budget-Information

Gretchen Ricehill informed the Commission that due to the severe downturn in the city's finances during the pandemic, she has been directed to not spend any money that was budgeted to the Preservation Commission in 2020. This includes spending money on printing the Landmark Booklet. Ricehill commented that she will revise the booklet and put it on-line, on the Preservation Commission web page. She will also share the link with the Chamber's Visitor Information office, the Hotel Denver and the Hotel Colorado. If the Commission knew of other businesses or organizations that wanted the link please let her know.

Regarding the 2021 budget – The Community Development Department was instructed to reduce its 2021 budget by 10%. The Director is including only \$500 for all commissions and staff for professional development, which includes conferences. Hopefully, the Saving Places conference can be attended remotely. Finally, regarding the Hot Springs historic nomination – CLG grant does not require a match but it is highly recommended because it allows funding to go further. The Director highly recommends not applying for another grant until the survey is successfully completed. Ricehill will contact the State to see if there will be funding for a CLG grant cycle.

Interpretive Signs - Information

Gretchen Ricehill has been directed to work on the design and text for the 8th Street interpretive sign. This sign describes the history of the Aspen branch of the DRG Railroad and includes information about the Midland Railroad. Ricehill worked with Patricia Stark and Deborah Williams and developed a draft text. Tentatively, the idea is to superimpose the text over an old map showing the two railroad routes. The history focuses on the race of the railroads to reach Glenwood Springs.

Old Business

Downtown Survey-Update

Ron Sladek traveled to Glenwood Springs last week to complete the last of his field research.

Preservation Award

Gretchen Ricehill will get back in touch with MicroPlastics and get a price to engrave two plaques for the 2019 preservation awardees. She showed the Commission two options and requested comments, design, and wording changes prior to the September meeting. Ron Carsten requested that the 2020 preservation awards and nominations be on the September meeting agenda.

Commission Comments

Deborah Williams reported that the History quiz is likely not going to happen with the Post Independent's recent changes and staff cuts. Jerry Rahal has left the paper and publication is down to three days per week.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.