

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 13, 2009

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Board members Glenn Raby, Shari Pierce and David Parker were present.
- II. **Announcements** – None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Pierce motioned to approve the minutes from February 13, 2009. Raby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- IV. **Landmark Designations** – None.
- V. **Certificate of Alteration Review** – None.
- VI. **Tax Credit Review** – None.
- VII. **Project Review** – None.
- VIII. **Discussion Items** –

A. Overlook Parking Area Research – Staff stated that after a thorough review of town minutes from 1958 and other years no additional information was located. Raby questioned whether the San Juan Historical Museum had any archived information regarding this project. Pierce stated the only information found was an old newspaper clipping from 1958. Pierce suggested that a generic plaque be considered that recognized the accomplishment and acknowledged the unknown individuals that participated. Pierce stated that if the HPB decided to create a plaque or signage it should be consistent with the adopted Wayfinding & Signage Master Plan.

B. Historic Preservation Month Poster Contest ‘Theme’ – Staff stated the theme for this year’s historic preservation month as established by the Colorado Historical Society was “Grand Sesquicentennial Celebrations”. Pierce stated it would be advantageous for the board to re-create a theme that was more applicable to Pagosa Springs which would make it easier for kids to participate in the poster contest. Raby stated Pagosa Springs’ history dates back to the 1860’s and agreed that the theme as identified by the Colorado Historical Society was not locally relevant. Pierce motioned to adopt the following preservation theme for 2009 “Pagosa Springs, Then & Now”. Raby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Raby stated the annual historic building walking tour would occur on Saturday May 16th, 2009 at 10 am. Raby stated that a meeting place in front of Goodman’s Department Store would be appropriate. Staff stated that the event would be forwarded to the Colorado Historical Society for inclusion on the May ‘calendar of events’.

Staff noted that a Colorado Historical Society small grant had traditionally funded the annual poster contest; however, due to state budget cuts these dollars were no longer available. Pierce motioned to pay poster contest prize amounts from

the HPB 2009 budget in the amount of \$100. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The board requested that staff forward a deadline of April 16th to Sally High (Intermediate School) for completion of the student artwork. The board concurred that the regular April meeting should be rescheduled for April 17th at which time the posters would be judged.

C. Mural on Main Street – Parker stated he attended the last meeting regarding the rehabilitation of the mural on Main Street as previously requested by the HPB. Parker noted that the committee had not identified any funding for this project and a number of other issues were evident. Parker stated that the east elevation of the former Galles Real Estate Office and west elevation of the Rose Café were significantly deteriorated and would negatively contrast with a new brick wall for the mural. Parker stated that the project should include walls to hide the deteriorated elevations of these buildings and further noted that the property owners of these structures should be notified of this mural proposal and associated improvements. Parker suggested that these owners may be willing to upgrade these facades in order to make the entire appearance of this area appealing. Staff stated the HPB has no authority to require façade rehabilitation but can offer tax credits to these owners if improvements are completed consistent with regulations. Staff suggested that the Chamber of Commerce or the Mural on Main Street project team should be including these owners in discussions which may entice them to consider façade improvements. The board thanked Parker for his attendance at this meeting and for his work on this proposal.

IX. Reports and Comments –

A. Next regular meeting April 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

X. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Minutes Approved: _____ Glenn Raby
Chairman