

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Board members Glenn Raby, Shari Pierce, Betsy Carpino, Chrissy Karas and David Parker were present.
- II. **Announcements** – Staff stated Resolution No. 2009-01 re-assigning board member Susan Ward to an alternate position and appointing David Parker to a regular position was approved by the Council at the January 6, 2009 meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Pierce motioned to approve the minutes from December 18, 2008. Parker 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** –
 - A. **Mural on Main Street, Chamber of Commerce** – Staff introduced the request by the applicant, Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, to rehabilitate the existing mural on Pagosa Street. Staff stated the project would include the re-construction of the entire wall and installation of a re-designed seating area. Project representative, Autumn Daily, stated a 'Project Development Team' was formed to oversee the project which included individuals from the Town, Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce, Ruby Sisson Library and Fanas Architecture. Daily stated the group originally wanted to develop a pocket park at the current location and extend the park approximately 30 feet into the CenturyTel property. Daily stated the current mural and landscape features extend approximately 6 feet into the CenturyTel property and this was the maximum that would be allowed. Daily stated the existing mural is bowed and the landscaping has deteriorated. Daily noted the proposal would include the construction of a new wall which would include stone work and an ability to withstand snow loads. Daily stated the wall would have one section comprised of a different material to provide easier access to underground utility lines per the request of CenturyTel. Daily explained the mural would be replaced on a yearly basis with new artwork and would incorporate high-school art students and local professionals. Daily stated the Chamber of Commerce hopes to receive grants to support the entire project and the tentative completion date is set for July 4, 2009. Raby stated the brickwork should resemble the character of locally made bricks and further noted it may be nice to mimic the Dakota Sandstone. Karas stated trees and concrete do not work well together and requested further explanation of the plant materials. Daily stated the trees were not yet identified and requested recommendations. The board agreed that a tree with vertical characteristics should be utilized. Raby stated the proposed benches were curvy and rather modern compared to the typical bench used in the Historic District. Pierce stated that the benches should be consistent with the adopted Wayfinding & Signage Plan. Raby stated the installation and location of these benches may be appropriate for this location. Pierce stated the bench design should at least utilize

or mimic the stone appearance as portrayed in the Wayfinding & Signage Plan. Pierce questioned whether the content of the mural will be presented to the HBP at a later date. Daily stated that the mural will need to represent historical aspects or the majestic beauty of Pagosa Springs. Daily explained the 'Project Development Team' assigned to oversee this project would be responsible for content approval and suggested that a member of the HPB be appointed to represent this board. Raby concurred and felt this would provide the HPB with an opportunity to verify consistency and appropriateness in regards to the Historic District. Daily questioned whether a paint palette needs to be approved by the HPB. The board agreed that a color palette was not necessary and artists should be allowed to express colors as long as the HPB representative determined the mural design would not detract from the Historic District. Parker questioned whether lighting will be incorporated into the design. Daily stated the mural may be down-lit but in a very subtle manner. Daily noted a plaque will be placed on the re-constructed wall identifying all the in-kind contributions made to make this project feasible. Parker motioned to approve the project contingent upon the following: (1) final material selections shall be forwarded to the HPB for approval prior to implementation; (2) brick pavers shall be consistent with the sidewalk pavers used on Lewis Street; (3) stone work on benches and other features should be consistent with the adopted Wayfinding and Signage Plan; (4) any trees planted adjacent to the sidewalk should have a vertical element and tree grates shall be consistent with Lewis Street; (5) wall materials shall mimic or be generally consistent with materials used elsewhere in the Historic District; and (6) the plaque should resemble the design used by the board to highlight properties within the Historic District. Carpino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Pierce motioned to appoint Parker to the 'Project Development Team' to oversee content compatibility with the Historic District and overall implementation of this design. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Discussion Items –

A. Overlook Parking Area Research – Staff stated board member Pierce forwarded an old paper clipping from 1958 which referenced the creation of the 'Overlook Parking' area. Staff stated additional information may be available in town minutes from 1958 and it would be researched within the upcoming month.

B. Historic Preservation Month Poster Contest 'Theme' – Pierce stated she was contacted by Sally High requesting the 'theme' for this years poster contest. Pierce stated the Colorado Historical Society had not released this years theme and requested that staff follow up on this item.

IX. Reports and Comments –

A. Next regular meeting March 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Minutes Approved: _____ Glenn Raby
Chairman