



Town of Pagosa Springs Historic Preservation Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

in Town Hall Conference Room Located at 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Springs, Colorado

- I. **Call to Order / Roll Call-** The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Chair Brad Ash. Members Peggy Bergon, Chrissy Karas and Andre Redstone were present. Also present was Town Planning Department Director James Dickhoff, Associate Planner/Certified Permit Technician Margaret Gallegos, Norm Vance and Linda Erskine.
- II. **Announcements:** None
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Member Bergon, seconded by Member Karas and unanimously carried to approve the April 9, 2014 Historical Preservation Board (HPB) meeting minutes with a date correction - Reports and Comments, Page 2, Certified Local Government fiscal year is through June 30 (not June 3).
- IV. **Public Comment:** None received.
- V. **Sign Review:** None
- VI. **Landmark Designations:** None
- VII. **Alteration Certificate Review:** None
- VIII. **Tax Credit Review:**
 - A. **New State Legislation:** Planning Director Dickhoff provided the Board with an overview of the new House Bill #14-131 I “Job Creation and Main Street Revitalization Act” which is awaiting the governor’s signature and provides tax credits for eligible projects. In general, for income tax years commencing on or after January 1, 2015, but prior to January 1, 2019, Section 1 of the Bill creates a new income tax credit to be claimed by an owner of a historic property for recovery of certain costs related to preserving the property. The full bill text was also copied and provided to the Board members. The Board questioned if residential properties would qualify and if there was a cap on the tax credit. The Board concluded that it would review the document and provide a list of questions for Dickhoff to consult with the State representative to get answers for the Board.
- IX. **Project Review:** None
- X. **Decision Items:**
 - A. **Historic Preservation Poster Contest Judging:** The Board previously selected “History at Work” as the theme for this year’s poster contest. Sally High’s 7th Grade class submitted twenty (20) entries for the Board to judge. The entries were submitted without the artist’s names for judging purposes. The Board announced the winning entries: 1st - #1006 – metal worker pencil drawing; 2nd - #1020 printing press photograph; and 3rd - #1019 train transporting logs and coal pencil drawing. Staff will notify the contest winners and send them a thank-you card and cash awards - first prize is \$50, second prize is \$30 and third

prize is \$20. Staff will coordinate a photo with all student artists and also coordinate the printing and framing of this year's first prize artwork, to hang in Town Hall.

XI. Discussion Items:

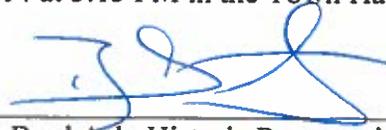
- A. Reservoir Hill Trailhead Signs: The Town Tourism Committee and the Parks and Recreation Board are preparing to reprint the trailhead signs on Reservoir Hill. They have inquired if the Historic Preservation Board would like to include some historic photos and information of the signs. The Board discussed the signage and concluded that the information should include the history connection between Reservoir Hill and the Town of Pagosa Springs and how it pertains to the current time. The Board agreed that Chairperson Ash will begin an e-mail chain for each member to add photographs and historic information prior to the end of May at which time the information could be submitted to the Town Tourism Committee for publication. Board Member Redstone will contact several local citizens to gather historic information and share with the Board in the e-mail chain.
- B. Historic Preservation Month Activities: The Greenest Building Video will be shown at the historic Liberty Theater on Saturday May 17th at 1pm and the Downtown Historic Walking Tour will be conducted by Twila Brown, Judy James and Norm Vance on Sunday, May 18th at 2 pm. To further advertise the events, staff will contact the Chamber and Pagosa Daily Post.
- C. Installation of Historic Landmark Plaque Update: Dickhoff reported that the following Historic Landmark Plaques are being arranged for installation with the property owners and anticipated that by the end of May 2014, the above plaques can be installed. Additional photos are needed for the unfinished artwork for the remaining plaques.
1. 138 Pagosa Street, the Phillips House - staff has received permission to display the plaque on a post just inside the property line adjacent to the sidewalk. Staff will determine the location with the property owner's representative and Town Street's Department will install the post.
 2. 414 Pagosa Street, the Former County Courthouse - staff has contacted the property representative is working on obtaining permission to display the plaque on the property, with the preference of hanging inside of the windows. The property owner would prefer a more relevant photo instead of the one currently on the plaque. Staff is working with the property owner to seek permission to display the current plaque as is, until the next order for plaque inserts is ordered, and a new photo can be located that meets the HPB and property owners approval.
 3. 422 Pagosa Street, the Metropolitan Hotel - staff has recently received approval from the property owner for installing the plaque. Staff will determine a suitable location and proper installation onto the building.
 4. 121 Lewis Street, Warr House - this plaque is already posted on the fence. Staff has coordinated installing a post to re-install along the sidewalk for easier recognition.
- D. Dr. Mary Fisher Recognition Project Proposed: Mr. Norm Vance outlined a proposal to recognize Dr. Mary Fisher. He stated that there seems to be a renewed interest in her as a historic character and her story as a local female doctor should be told. Vance felt that she could be a Pagosa Springs' character and hero in which the local and visiting public

could relate to because Mary is an inspiration to women and particularly to young women. The Town dedicated the former San Juan Street location of the Dr. Mary Fisher Clinic as the "Dr. Mary Fisher Park". Vance noted that he has priced a wooden statue with Chad Haspels – five thousand dollars would cover the statue and a simple roof structure to give it some weather protection. In closing, Vance stated that a statue of Mary with "Pickles" the Bear would be a strong image and tourist attraction. The Board agreed that the park would be the ideal location to place a statue and an exhibit that is now hanging in Jackish Drug Store on Main Street. The Board embraced the concept of Dr. Mary Fisher history, favors bronze over wood, and concluded the Pagosa history is important to advertise/share and bring forth the history and ground the current community. The items that need additional research include the cost of bronze, project/community funding, grant options, public work sessions and history publications were several issues that need to be researched. The proposal will placed on the next agenda for further discussion and planning.

XII. Reports and Comments: Planning Director Dickhoff provided the Board with updates on the following projects:

1. Riverwalk Project – The Town staff has coordinated the efforts to complete the new trail extension, currently being constructed on the east of the river from 6th Street, and a new pedestrian bridge at S. 6th Street and Durango Street. These two trail projects will connect the river walk trail from Yamaguchi Park on the south end and from Town Park on the east end, providing 1.5 miles of river walk trail. The trail will include benches and interpretive signage. It is anticipated that the historic interpretive signs will be installed in 2015 and include information similar to the existing signs about wildlife and wetlands.
2. McCabe Creek Bridge Project – The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) approved the plan to include 10' of head clearance for future trail installation under the bridge structure if the Town enters into an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA). The agreement would stipulate that the Town would be responsible for maintaining the future responsibilities of the sidewalk, graffiti cleaning, channel maintenance, debris and trash pickup, vegetation maintenance and painting of the bridge railing. The Board requested that it be kept informed with issues such as the railing style, paint colors, bridge designs, street lamps and other features that would impact the downtown corridor historic character.
3. Town Council – The Council will have a retreat on May 29 and at a subsequent meeting invite other boards and committees to attend and participate. In other business, the Town and County have begun discussions about recreation facilities and trail systems through a ballot tax increase.

XIII. Adjournment: Motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 5:15 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room.



By: Brad Ash, Historic Preservation Board Chair