

**CITY OF BLACK HAWK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

1) CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Hailey at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Black Hawk Council Chambers, 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.

Commission Members Present: Lynnette Hailey, Chairman
Curtis Linder, Commissioner
Larry Linker, Commissioner
Tom Gish, Commissioner

Absent: Patricia Torres, Vice Chairman

Staff Members & Elected

Officials Present: Cynthia Linker, HPC Secretary
Deon Wolfenbarger, Historic Consultant
Liz Cross, Legal Counsel
Michele Martin, Deputy City Clerk

Public Present: None present.

Chairman Hailey noted for the record that a quorum was present.

2) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A. None

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. HPC Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015 and February 3, 2015

Chairman Hailey opened this item for approval and requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 20, 2015, as presented. Commissioner Linder moved to approve the minutes as presented, and was seconded by Commissioner Linker. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hailey requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 3, 2015, as presented. Commissioner Linder moved to approve the minutes as presented, and was seconded by Commissioner Gish. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

4) CONSENT AGENDA

A. None

5) HISTORIC GRANT APPLICATIONS

A. None

6) CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. None

7) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION

A. *Resolution No. 16-2015 – A Resolution directing the City Manager to apply for Local Landmark Designation for the property located at 201 Selak Street and generally known as Black Hawk City Hall.*

Chairman Hailey opened this item for discussion. Ms. Wolfenbarger suggested that HPC Commissioners may want to conduct some of the research for this, such as researching historic photos, preliminary deeds, and books written about Black Hawk. She said the Denver Public Library Digital Collections website is a great resource to search for photos, and since this building has been owned by the city for so long, there may not be that many deeds to find. She said it is not necessary for commissioners to do the research, but it shows an interest. Chairman Hailey said she had already begun the research process by going through the newspaper archives. She will provide hardcopies to Ms. Linker for the application process.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was discussed and their online database *Compass*. Ms. Wolfenbarger said she would check to see what else is on that site, other than the 1986 survey forms that she knows about. She pointed out that it is important to first contact SHPO if applying for state or federal designation; if local designation, notification can occur after.

City Hall having once been the Fire Department or the jail was brought up. Chairman Hailey said it has always been designated as City Hall, though both of those could have been located at City Hall, she will look into that further.

Chairman Hailey requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-2015, A Resolution directing the City Manager to apply for Local Landmark Designation for the property located at 201 Selak Street and generally known as Black Hawk City Hall. Commissioner Linder moved to approve Resolution 16-2015, and was seconded by Commissioner Gish.

B. *PowerPoint Presentation – Historic Designations and the Historic Preservation Commission’s Role.*

Ms. Wolfenbarger went through the presentation that was also in the packet. She described the three different levels of designation and how they relate to the grant program, the involvement of the National Park Service, commercial tax credits, HPC’s roles and responsibilities, the City’s Certified Local Government (CLG) status, and the benefits of a local landmark designation. There are many resources for the commissioners contained in the packet. 201 Selak Street will be the city’s fourth local landmark.

C. *National Register Bulletin 39 – Researching a Historic Property*

Information was contained in the packet. Ms. Wolfenbarger suggested that commissioners may want to conduct individual research projects, or to research their own property in order to expand the knowledge of homes in Black Hawk. She said this was the center of early Colorado history and very prominent people lived in Black Hawk and the surrounding areas. Chairman Hailey said she would leave this up to the commissioners, but if anyone comes across anything, to please provide hard copies to Ms. Linker.

D. *Colorado State Register of Historic Properties –*

Chairman Hailey pointed out that this was another resource contained in the packet for the commissioners.

E. *Deed Research –*

Ms. Wolfenbarger offered to bring the commissioners up to the Gilpin County Courthouse/Assessor's Office whenever they would like to get started. It was suggested to add it to a light agenda as a meeting/training session.

F. *National Register of Historic Places – Researching a Property*

This is another resource contained in the packet.

G. *History Colorado – Researching the History of your House (or other Favorite Building)*

This is another resource contained in the packet.

H. *Denver Public Library – Denver Building History Tutorial –*

This is another resource contained in the packet, yet Ms. Wolfenbarger wanted to point out that this site not only looks for photos, but it will also bring up other digital items, such as card catalogue listings or newspaper articles on properties. She mentioned that the Gilpin County Museum and Historical Society may also have some photos.

Chairman Hailey wanted to thank Mayor David Spellman for providing the newspaper archives and his assistance in researching them.

8) COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND/OR OTHER PLANS

A. *None*

9) COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

A. *None*

Chairman Hailey said the education piece would be at the Assessor's Office during the next meeting, depending on agenda items.

10) OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Attendee Survey – Conference Saving Places 2015 Advancing Preservation.*

Chairman Hailey reminded the commissioners to fill out the surveys and send them in.

Ms. Linker asked for everyone's opinion of the conference. Several drawbacks were mentioned, such as the parking, organization of the conference, C.A.M.P session being offsite, experienced level sessions needed, and other States leading sessions relevant to Colorado. Ms. Linker expressed her disappointment with the exhibit space the city was first given; it was in a poor location and without power. She said she had to ask to be moved, and said she felt that for the \$10,000 Gold Level sponsorship the city contributes, and as the only Gold Level contributor to the conference, she had expected better treatment.

The conference financials were then discussed. Chairman Hailey said she has been asking to see financial stats/fact sheet on where their funding comes from for years and Colorado Preservation Inc. (CPI) has never provided anything. The Commissioners agreed it would be beneficial to see a fact sheet in order to show how much of a value Black Hawk is. Ms. Wolfenbarger described the difference between CPI, a non-profit organization that relies heavily on grant monies, and the State Historical Society, now called History Colorado, which is funded by state monies. The various recipients of State Gaming Fund, and how much of that is Black Hawk's contribution, was also discussed. The suggestion was made to request a placard, or some sort of recognition, each time a grant is awarded to show that the funding came from gaming. Ms. Wolfenbarger said she would provide additional facts prior to Chairman Hailey asking History Colorado President's Ed Nichols for a financial breakdown.

Chairman Hailey and Ms. Linker both received and witnessed negative comments about Black Hawk from CPI's Executive Director Roxanne Eflin and History Colorado's Vice President of Preservation Programs Steve Turner. It was suggested to perhaps invite them to Black Hawk to show them what has been accomplished.

As for next year's conference, it was decided that HPC will need to discuss their sponsorship further before committing. Chairman Hailey said that if Black Hawk commits to being a Gold Level sponsor again, there would have to be conditions, such as allowing the city to host a session, along with Cripple Creek and Central, in order to educate the public on the three gaming cities and to have a premier exhibit space. Chairman Hailey asked Ms. Linker to let Ms. Eflin know that they all felt that they were treated badly. Ms. Linker said it may be more cost effective for commissioners to just register for sessions.

B. Letter of Recommendation Request for Funding and Support – Saving Places 2016. Conference Grant Application to the State Historical Fund – Due March 15, 2015 – See 2014 Letter of Support.

On hold

C. 12th Annual Jefferson County Historic Commission Symposium – May 2, 2015 – Boettcher Mansion – Preservation by the Numbers.

Ms. Linker was passing this information on, if anyone wanted to attend, please let her know.

D. Certified Local Government (CLG) Scholarships to Main Streets Conference in Atlanta – March 30 to April 2

Ms. Linker was passing this information on. Black Hawk does not qualify for the full program, yet could become an affiliate for various benefits. Gregory Street was mentioned as a possibility; Ms. Linker will look into it.

E. Foothills Genealogical Society General Meeting

Again, this was information that was being passed along.

11) ADJOURN

With no other business, Chairman Hailey adjourned the meeting and workshop at 2:58 p.m.

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED:

BY:



Cynthia L. Linker
HPC Secretary

BY:



Lynnette Hailey
City of Black Hawk Historic Preservation Commission - Chairman

BY:



David D. Spellman, Mayor
City of Black Hawk Board of Aldermen

BY:



Corey Y. Hoffmann
City of Black Hawk Attorney