



**City of Woodland Park
Historical Preservation Committee
Monday, February 7, 2022 – 3:30 PM
City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Laurie Glauth called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Members in attendance included: Laurie Glauth, Larry Black, and David Langley. Also in attendance were City Council Representative Rusty Neal, Planning Director Karen Schminke, Permit Technician Dorie Slaughter, guest Steve Plutt from the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission, guest Linda Allred an architect who works out of Langley Architects, and Eric Simonson who works for Rampart Surveys.
2. **Election of Officers:** Larry Black moved to recommend tabling the election of officers until the next meeting. David Langley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2021: MOTION:** Larry Black moved and David Langley seconded to approve the December 6, 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Public Hearings:** None.
5. **Committee Business:**
 - a. **Midland Terminal Depot - Asbestos Abatement Funding** – Ms. Schminke reported that the Newmont Gold Mine grant came through with \$5,000 and we have received a check. Ms. Glauth inquired about the money Mr. Neal was able to appropriate from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for \$3,500 and the money from the City Council by them increasing the City budget for the Historic Preservation Committee for 2022 to include an additional \$3,500. Ms. Glauth asked if it is an internal thing to acquire the funds. Ms. Schminke indicated that it was and that she needs to meet with the City's Finance Director, Aaron Vassalotti. Ms. Glauth requested that the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) finance budget be updated. Ms. Glauth inquired where the asbestos abatement estimates were. According to an email from Sally Riley (the previous Planning Director), Ms. Schminke indicated that they were located in the HPC hard copy files in her office.
 - b. **Interpretive Panels Fabrication / Installation** – Ms. Schminke reported that Jeff Cahill with Quality Signs & Designs is in the process of fabricating the panels and they should be ready before the end of this month. She also

reported that the City will dig the holes necessary for the panels, but will not be doing the actual installation. Ms. Schminke also indicated that the panels will be placed in Bergstrom Park. Ms. Glauth mentioned to have them face north to help avoid sun damage.

- c. **Steve Plutt – Presentation on Historic Bridge in the Area** – Mr. Plutt shared with the Committee information on the Crystola Bridge which is located on Teller County Road 21, 6/10s of a mile north of Crystola and has survived for at least 85 years. He indicated that it is located on the famous historic Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean (PPOO) Highway. In 1915 the PPOO Highway was recognized as an official Transcontinental Highway (thousands of vehicles a year traveled the 3,500 miles from New York City to Los Angeles, right through Woodland Park). The Crystola Bridge is one of the last survivors of a historic era in the United States and still remains in use. Lake George also has a PPOO bridge, that is very ordinary compared to the Crystola one. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 22, 2018. Mr. Plutt also indicated that this part of the county lacks State and National landmarks. He hopes that this Committee will endorse the attempt to place the Crystola Bridge on the National Register of Historic Places. He hopes that the Committee will tell the Teller County Board of County Commissioners that they support it.

MOTION: Mr. Black moved to recommend a letter of support to place the Crystola Bridge on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Langley second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

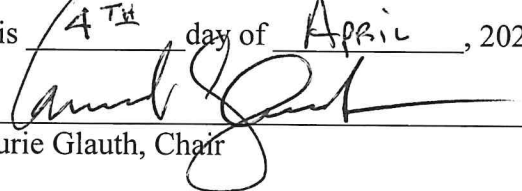
6. **Reports:**

- a. **Committee Members' Reports** – Mr. Langley inquired about the poster budget and the plan for a poster for this year. Mr. Black reported that the roof on the Ute Pass Historical Society Land Office building in Green Mountain Falls was replaced historically correct. It cost \$30,000 and the money was provided by the Kirkpatrick Foundation. Mr. Black also mentioned that Charlie Chambers is still working on a video on Heritage of Divide Agricultural. Ms. Glauth reported that Steven Epperson whose family had owned Paradise Ranch reached out to her regarding the dinner bell that was originally located at Paradise Ranch. He wants to try to get it back to Woodland Park. It is currently located in Tennessee. He wants to donate it back. The bell is 26" high and 36" wide at the bottom and weighs 300 to 400 pounds.
- b. **Council Member Liaison's Report** – Mr. Neal reported that he had nothing to report from City Council. As the City Council liaison for the DDA he reported that they approved the law firm proposal. He indicated that this will help when looking over projects presented.
- c. **Planning Director's Report** – Ms. Schminke reported that the Preschool in the Pines located at 312 N. West Street sold. The Preschool in the Pines is a Local Historic Landmark Designation. She also reported that no permits have

been requested. She also reported that she had no takers for the Saving Places Conference being held this week in Denver. She indicated that there is another one in San Luis Valley August 5 and 6.

7. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** – None.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on **Monday, March 7, 2022 at 3:30 PM** (Staff Note: March 7, 2022 meeting was canceled. The next scheduled meeting is April 4, 2022).

Recorded by Dorie Slaughter, Permit Technician and approved by the HPC:

This 4th day of April, 2021

Laurie Glauth, Chair