

Douglas Historic Preservation Commission

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**Board Members: Heidi McCullough, Chair; Spencer Pelton,
Secretary; Jacey Bauman; Julia Evins; Betsy Flaherty; Maureen
Morgan; Terry Rider; Lee Ann Siebken; and Bill Sinnard
City of Douglas Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix**

April 17, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Heidi McCullough at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Heidi McCullough, Maureen Morgan, Lee Ann Siebken, Spencer Pelton, Terry Rider, Jacey Bauman, Julia Evins, and Bill Sinnard

Members Absent: Betsy Flaherty

City Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

Rider made a motion and Evins seconded to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019, regular meeting. Chairman McCullough called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

South Side Historic District Nomination

Mullinnix contacted Brian Beadles with SHPO. All CLG funding for the current year is allocated. October will be the next opportunity to apply for funding for an updated inventory of properties.

Oral Histories

The list of equipment assembled by McCullough will be forwarded to Mullinnix to be ordered prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. \$1425 in funding is available.

Pioneer Cemetery Well

Kenny Simonton is working on the specs for the well, and will be invited to the May meeting to update the Commission.

Pioneer Cemetery Brochures

Mullinnix ordered 1,000 brochures, and they were delivered on April 19th. They will be available at City Hall, the Railroad Museum, the Pioneer Museum, and in the County Clerk's office.

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Budget

The Commission has requested \$4,800 in funding for the 2019/2020 fiscal year with \$4,000 to be allocated as a match to a possible CLG grant for the inventory of the proposed South National Register District and \$800 in training funds for a registration for the 2020 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum and for possible oral history or other relevant training.

Olli Historic Homes Tour

The Olli coordinators would like to postpone any tour until the Fall, possibly to bring a group to the annual Park Cemetery tour.

Preservation Month

The Alliance for Historic Wyoming is sending out their calendar for Preservation Month, which will feature the College Inn on May 17th.

Betty Alberts will be receiving an award at the City Council meeting on May 13th for her work on the “Find a Grave” website for Historic Preservation Month. Siebken is assembling a biography and arranging a plaque.

An open house for Camp Douglas was proposed for May 31st from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M., with Mel Glover’s support. Morgan will take responsibility for the light refreshments, with a budget of \$100. The Douglas Budget was to be contacted to do a story. Mullinnix suggested a possible fundraiser at the event by selling “war bonds” in increments of \$5 as a token for donations. The possibility of a future “victory dance” fundraiser for the camp and the desire by State Parks for a Camp Douglas Friends group were also discussed.

New Business

3rd Grade Tours

Morgan and Flaherty will guide the 3rd graders on historic tours of downtown and the Pioneer Cemetery in May.

Sir Barton Events

Event planning is under way in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Sir Barton’s first ever Triple Crown win. The City is cleaning the statue and installing a planter around it, renaming the street through Washington Park as Sir Barton Way, and renaming the picnic pavilions after the three races: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont. A rededication ceremony is planned. The Commission is hoping to contribute by asking Larry Gomez to be present to do a repeat of his reenactment as Sir Barton’s trainer, as well as inviting members of the community who were involved in originally moving Sir Barton’s burial to Washington Park. Other events are still being discussed.

State Historical Trek – Sunrise, Wyoming

The State Historical Society is planning a trek to Sunrise, Wyoming on June 14-16, hosted by the Goshen County Historical Society for \$80 per person and led by owner, Jon Voight. More information will be available in May. Spencer also informed the Commission of another tour to Sunrise and the Paleoindian Red Ochre mine on June 22, sponsored by the Western History Center in Lingle.

Proposed Changes to the National Register Nomination Process

A summary of the proposed changes to the National Register nomination process issued by the National Trust was discussed, with further information to be made available and a possible email vote scheduled regarding submitting a comment to the National Park Service.

Adjournment:

Bauman made a motion to adjourn and Sinnard seconded. Chairman McCullough adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 at City Hall, at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Pelton