



**City of Woodland Park
Historical Preservation Committee
Monday, March 1, 2021 – 3:30 PM
City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room & Via Zoom
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Laurie Glauth called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM. Members in attendance included: Laurie Glauth, Larry Black and Carrol Harvey. Absent were David Langley and City Council Representative Jim Pfaff. Also in attendance were Planning Director Sally Riley and Permit Technician Dorie Slaughter.
2. **Election of Officers:** Carrol Harvey moved to nominate Laurie Glauth for Chair and Larry Black for Vice-Chair. Larry Black seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes: February 1, 2021: MOTION:** It was pointed out that Eric Hermann was not spelled correctly, so correction was made to the minutes. Carrol Harvey moved and Larry Black seconded to approve the February 1, 2021 corrected minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Public Hearings:** None.
5. **Committee Business:**
 - a. **Saving Places Conference Summaries** – Ms. Harvey shared her summary of the presentations that she attended virtually. She emphasized that she tried to relate the information back to Woodland Park. For example in attending the *Ute Cultural Site Preservation* where she learned of an on-going legal challenge to a private sector enterprise expansion in Glenwood Springs that may encroach on Ute cultural sites, she indicated it was a reminder that our own town and region remains an important geographical location to the Utes of Colorado. At the *Wednesday Keynote-Dollars and Sense of Development Patterns* she learned about Joe Minicozzi of Asheville, NC results of his ongoing analysis of the financial return, per acre, of retail businesses re-located to downtown historical structures vice new, “big box” construction. Ms. Harvey commented that Mr. Minicozzi may be correct in that the use or re-use of historical buildings for retail operations may result in higher tax revenue when using a measurement of return/per acre, however, not all towns, cities or communities in Colorado have historical structures suitable for reimagined retail or residential space. She also emphasized that retail giants,

like Wal-Mart, have provided much-needed resources to rural communities with commodities, employment and community support and that there is little to no proof that these so-called big box stores abandon large structures after 12-15 years in towns like Woodland Park. She then discussed *Connecting Communities, Changing Conversations*, which provided a retrospective on the impact of disasters on Gateway Natural Amenity Regions. She indicated that Woodland Park may not be a true “gateway” community to a natural amenity, however, it is a pass-through for those on their way to near-by attractions, gold medal trout fishing, skiing, hiking and camping. She also discussed *Revitalizing Main Street-The Challenges, the Changes, and the Adaptive Solutions*. She learned that there may be Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) grant funding available related to addressing transportation-related impacts of COVID-19. The final presentation that she reported on was *Saving Faces in Places*. Ms. Harvey commented that the presentation reminded her of the importance of the collection of oral histories to preserve very unique aspects of community history. Ms. Riley then shared her summary of the presentations that she attended virtually. She first attended the *How to Date and Appreciate Mid-century Buildings*. Her summary included descriptions of the various types of building styles. She then addressed *Archaeology for Changing Colorado: The Benefits of Archaeology and Cultural Landscape Preservation*. Then *Historic COS: Creating and Launching Colorado Springs’ Preservation Master Plan*, where she discovered that it cost \$60,650 for Colorado Springs’ Preservation Master Plan. Her summary then addressed *Putting the Past into Future Planning*, where she learned about upcoming technical assistance workshops and grants through Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism (CRAFT). She shared that OEDIT’s program is funded by Federal stimulus funds for CRAFT restart (50 hours training and \$5,000 cash) and reimage (100 hours training and \$10,000 cash) programs for 32 communities. She recommended that the new Woodland Park Tourism Alliance should apply. She then discussed *Colorado’s 2030 Plan: Introduction & Preservation Goals*. Then her summary discussed *Dearfield, Weld County*, which is an abandoned African American farming community. Her final summary was *Pandemic Placemaking to Support Small Business*. She discussed Alamosa main street study and proposal for traffic calming by installing “parklets” in on-street parking stalls for outdoor seating. The City of Boulder created a “Boulder Business Response and Recovery Alliance” that supports curbside pickups, streamlined outdoor dining permits, obtained arts and culture grant to host live outdoor entertainment and CDOT grant for outdoor furniture, sanitizers and publicity. Old Colorado City combined several organizations under one umbrella to better coordinate maintenance, events, festivals, marketing, beautification, business retention and recruitment. In conclusion Ms. Riley indicated that she really enjoyed all seven presentations and that the conference reinforced how important the work of the Woodland Park Preservation Committee (in partnership with the Ute Pass Historical Society) is to our community’s identity, social, environmental and economic vitality.

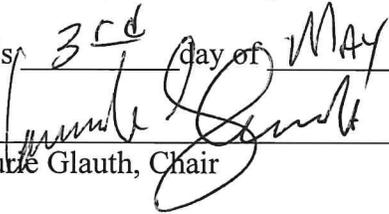
Ms. Harvey indicated despite the technical challenges of web conferencing, the conference sessions she joined were well-planned and engaging.

- b. Interpretive Signage for Cog Car** – Ms. Riley shared copies of the draft panels, which are very close to final, that she received from Dave Kottler from APEX Graphics. Ms. Glauth said she did not see anything glaring. Ms. Riley indicated that she would share the draft panels with Duane Carter, who donated funds for the Cog Car. Ms. Riley indicated that she did need to ask Mr. Kottler about the cost to fabricate the panels. Ms. Harvey mentioned the possibility of applying for the CDOT grant to help with walkability.
- c. Midland Terminal Depot - Grants** – Ms. Riley reported that the contact for the Newmont grant, Penny Riley, has changed her name to Penny Robinson. Ms. Riley indicated that she left a message for Ms. Robinson. Ms. Riley also mentioned that she had a conversation with Duane Carter letting him know that we are hoping to turn the Midland Terminal Depot into a museum.
- d. Bylaws Amendment – Passed** – Ms. Riley reported that the Bylaws Amendment for this Committee was passed by City Council. It amended the Bylaws and code to increase the terms of this Committee from two to four years.
- e. Work Plan 2021 Finalized** – Ms. Riley reviewed the 2021 HPC Work Plan with the sixteen items.
- f. Comp Plan 2010 Action Items** – Ms. Riley reported that the website launched last Wednesday. There is a survey on the website that sort of focuses on tourism. Ms. Riley explained that every month there will be a new survey focusing on a different item. Ms. Riley said she would email everyone the link. Ms. Riley then went on to say that the next step will be to establish subcommittees by the end of this month, March 29. To create these subcommittees they will be doing interviews and trying to get a good cross section from the community. The plan is to start with those who were on subcommittees for the Comp Plan 2010. Ms. Riley said she would send everyone the notes on the audit of the Comp Plan 2010. Ms. Harvey asked Ms. Glauth what she thought we should look at in the next 10 years. Ms. Glauth indicated that we tie walkability to the various places like Antler Alley, the mural on the Ute Pass Cultural Center, the park and even the Mikesell area. Then continue on the south side with the Depot. This could create more of a spring board for larger projects. Ms. Riley indicated that we need a vision for our downtown. Ms. Glauth indicated that we need to build on Antler Alley and History Park. Ms. Harvey recommended an oral with history themes. She suggested using QR codes that would connect to podcast. Ms. Glauth suggested a QR code of the mural on the Ute Pass Cultural Center.

6. Reports:

- a. **Committee Members' Reports** – Mr. Black reported that he found a photo of the Brockhurst Cabin with a metal roof on it. He also reported that the 16 mm films that Eric Hermann found in his folks house were viewed and they were from 1940 to 1950 and included footage of his grandparents. The next step is getting the 16 mm films digitized.
 - b. **Council Member Liaison's Report** – None.
 - c. **Planning Director's Report** – Ms. Riley did not have anything to report, but did bring several magazines of interest to share with the Committee.
7. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda** – None.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on **Monday, April 5, 2021 at 3:30 PM.**

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

This 3rd day of May, 2021


Laurie Glauth, Chair