

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF ROUTT

Historic Preservation Board
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2022

Michael Olsen, Chair, called the meeting of the Routt County Historic Preservation Board (HPB) to order. Karolynn Lestrud, Richard Slagle, and Candice Bannister were also present. Minutes prepared by Staff Assistant Katie McCaulley.

EN RE: ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM

EN RE: APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 15, 2022

Mr. Olsen presented and read the minutes, noting that Item J on the Fair Acres Ranch application needs to be resolved prior to presenting for consideration to the Routt County Board of County Commissioners.

MOTION

Ms. Bannister moved to approve the minutes from March 15, 2022.

Mr. Slagle seconded; the motion carries 4-0.

EN RE: HUBBARD/SARVIS CABIN APPLICATION

Kelly Halpin, Executive Director of Historic Routt County, was present.

The Board members began the review of the Hubbard Cabin application by viewing a video prepared and submitted by Arianthe Stettner, which gave an overview of the property's historical significance, current status, and qualifying properties. Ms. Bannister expressed the desire for an informational sign to be posted near the property to share the historical facts regarding this location. The Board members, with the assistance of Ms. Halpin, discussed if the property is owned by BLM or Forest Service. Ms. Halpin stated she would need to reach out to Ms. Stettner to get confirmation. Mr. Olsen also pointed out that the individuals listed as owners differed on various pages of the application, to which Ms. Halpin responded she would get clarification on as well.

Ms. Lestrud moved to accept the Hubbard Cabin to the Routt County Register of Historic Properties, pending the previously mentioned clarifications.

Mr. Slagle seconded; the motion carried 4-0.

EN RE: DISCUSSION TOPICS

REMODELING AND THE EFFECTS ON HISTORIC DESIGNATION

This topic was brought forward due to the extensive remodeling that has taken place at the F. M. Light house, as well as changes that may have occurred at other properties. Ms. Lestrud stated that although there had been no formal request made, it was a good course of action to determine the Board's position on the matter. Mr. Slagle raised the question whether it was within the scope of the Board's abilities to revoke a historic designation or if their authority was solely in the designation process. Mr. Olsen believed that at the time of formation, the Board was never given any specific jurisdiction regarding this matter. He suggested that the Board review the criterion that the property originally met and see which selections are still viable. Ms. Bannister suggested that the Board look to what other historic designation registers would do in this situation prior to moving forward with any decisions. She also added that the Historic Preservation Board is not a regulatory agency and therefore does not hold authority or responsibility to remove listings. Mr. Olsen suggested adding a notation to the county website when a building or structure has undergone significant modifications since the date of approval. Ms. Bannister recommended reaching out to Arianthe Stettner for guidance in this situation. Mr. Olsen also shared the idea that designations should not be delisted, even with a moderate amount of modifications, in an effort to share and illuminate the history that remains in Routt County. Ms. Halpin offered to bring this topic forward at the next Historic Routt County Board meeting.

MOTION

No motion was called for.

HISTORIC DESIGNATION LOCATION MAP FOR ROUTT COUNTY WEBSITE

Ms. Bannister shared her vision on what a historic designation map would look like, either presented on a format such as Google maps or Routt County's GIS website. This system would utilize information already available in public records. She shared the idea that a disclaimer should be added in regards to private properties, emphasizing the ability to view properties from public roads while not approaching these locations with the notion of a receiving a site tour. The Board also discussed how to make approved application information available online in an easy to search format, rather than being contained in PDFs and hard copies. Mr. Olsen added that it would be beneficial to add a section to the application requesting that individuals submitting

applications complete a short summary that could be used for website purposes. Ms. Lestrud suggested a 400 word summary would be helpful to these processes. The Board discussed possible ways to facilitate these improvements, including the resources necessary to complete a project of this scale. Ms. Bannister shared her opinion that the first step in this process would be to digitize all files and that this responsibility falls on county employees, as they are public record keepers, to which other Board members agreed.

MOTION

No motion was called for.

The date for the next Board Meeting was set for December 14, 2022.

No further business coming before the Board, same adjourned sine die.

Katie McCaulley, Staff Assistant

Michael Olsen, Chair

Date