



MINUTES

Glenwood Springs Historic Preservation Commission

Place: Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Date: May 3, 2021

5:15 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others in Attendance</u>
Haley Carmer		Gretchen Ricehill
	Edward Chusid	Grant Stevens
Debra Bosna		Terri Partch, City Engineer
Carolyn Cipperly		
	Marice Doll	
Patricia Stark		
	Deborah Williams	

Call to Order

Chair Haley Carmer called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Public Comment: None.

Announcements: Debra Bosna discussed her concern regarding the physical condition of the Holloway house in North Glenwood, a property listed on the State Register. She reached out to a local architect and neighbor as well as alittlehelp.org for ideas and assistance regarding house maintenance. She is researching the organization further. Commissioners discussed use of the State Historic grant fund.

Gretchen Ricehill welcomed Grant Stevens to the meeting and stated that he had applied to join the Commission.

Minutes

The April 2021 minutes were approved as written.

New Business

Cardiff Coke Ovens

Carolyn Cipperly read into the record a letter from Museum Director Bill Kight. The letter is included and made a part of these minutes.

Gretchen Ricehill introduced City Engineer Terri Partch who explained the details Airport Road improvements related to the South Bridge project. Included are proposed improvements to Cardiff Coke Oven access and parking. Ms. Partch provided a map of the proposed improvements. The Commission discussed extending sidewalk / path access to the Coke Ovens between the property and Cardiff Mesa multifamily development to create a looped route; concerns about the proposed diagonal parking spaces and backing out onto Airport Rd; use of coal dust as a path material rather than gravel; clearing vegetation from the area including from inside the Ovens themselves; use of Museum volunteers for clean up efforts. Carolyn Cipperly indicated that Black Hills Energy has

coal mining equipment on one of its properties that it plans on donating to the Museum and that will be placed near the Coke Ovens. There is a mining cart that will need welding repair.

South Canyon-Coal Camp

Gretchen Ricehill explained that the Museum received a grant to perform a cultural resources management plan. Ron Sladek, the consultant completing the HPCs downtown survey, met with Museum Director Bill Kight to discuss completing that plan. Carolyn Cipperly read a statement from Bill Kight into the record. The letter is attached and made a part of these minutes. Carolyn Cipperly indicated that she was present when Bill and Ron toured South Canyon. They with Jim Olp, an interested resident, found foundations and the grave near the landfill entrance.

Gretchen Ricehill suggested a Commissioner tour of South Canyon in June.

Commissioners discussed a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss South Canyon planning and historic resources. Gretchen Ricehill also suggested a meeting with the Tourism Board.

Commission Comments

Carolyn Cipperly expressed excitement that two important resources are being recognized and that there are opportunities for improvement.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.



It's About Time.

Members of the COGS Historic Preservation Commission:

It has come to my attention that an Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held tonight with agenda topics of both the Cardiff Coke Ovens and the South Canyon Coal Camp. The cook ovens at Cardiff are owned by the Glenwood Springs Historical Society. The fact that they are on the National Register of Historic Places (Properties) has not stopped vandals from causing renewed havoc at the site.

Recently our interpretive sign was totally removed, and graffiti sprayed on the now blank frame. Graffiti was also spray-painted over the sign upon entering the site that identifies the Cardiff Coke Ovens are on the National Register.

Our plans are to replace the mission sign with a temporary (i.e. easily replaced) QR code that would go directly to a Cardiff page on our Glenwoodhistory.com web page which I have completed the text for and am currently working on getting permission for digital use of three photographs (2 of which were only approved by History Colorado for our sign).

At a recent on-site visit April 20th to Cardiff with City employees engineer Terri Partch and Assistant Economic/Community Development Director Gretchen Ricehill, a discussion centered on what the City could do to help the situation at the site today:

- Parking will be provided and slanted into the site from the Airport Road. I discussed how this would be positive by improving access and parking that would result in more visitation to the site, hence discouraging more vandalism by the presence of more people and greater visibility (provided we cut some vegetation back...which our Archivist Carolyn Cipperly has started and one of our board members, Rob Anderson, has volunteered to also help).
- Also discussed was installing streetlights nearby and possibly even a camera to help with security.
- Revegetation to what is now a primitive gravel turn-in and turn-out to the site could also be done by the City which would be greatly appreciated.
- I made a comment to Gretchen that as the representative for the Historical Society before these ideas start heading



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toward reality that we would appreciate comments from the HPC and any other ideas they might have would be appreciated.

Regarding South Canyon Coal Camp, a field trip was planned to the camp on April 21st with an invitation to Gretchen to accompany Carolyn, Ron Sladek of Tatanka and myself to do a reconnaissance of the site for Ron's benefit in case he contracts with the Society to do the management plan we received funding from the city to do or get done. The delay has been my determination to have the author of the Coal Camp site report (Eric Twitty of Mountain States Historical) do the management plan. As a professional courtesy, I finally called Eric and asked if he would mind if we asked Ron Sladek to do the plan. He has no problems with us doing that.

While at the site Jerry Olp showed up out of nowhere (his brother Jerry has sort of adopted Coal Camp and has compiled a lot of information). We talked a bit with Jerry then finished up the recon. at the railroad near the coal tipple and Ron said to give him a couple of months so he can finish up the City survey and then we could talk.

In the meantime, I have begun to pull all the info. we have on Coal Camp to share as a prelude to the next step of getting a proposal from Ron on what the price tag to do the management plan would be.

/s/Bill Kight
Executive Director
Glenwood Springs Historical Society

PS-My apology for not presenting this to you in person.