

**New Castle, Colorado  
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present      Chair Mari Riddile  
                 Commissioner Richard Parks  
                 Commissioner Ruth Fletcher  
                 Commissioner Richard Fletcher  
                 Commissioner Grady Hazelton

Absent Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller

**Meeting Notice**

Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk, Michelle Huster verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2024-1.

**Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda**

There were no citizen comments.

**Agenda Changes**

**Items for Consideration**

**Consider Historical Designation of Down Valley Brewing at 589 W. Main St.**

Haley Williams, owner of Down Valley Brewing (formerly Colorado Drifters), presented her initial request for historical designation of the Texaco building at 589 W. Main St. Owner Williams expressed her desire to preserve the building's integrity and honor its history in the community and apply for a state designation. Commissioners discussed the historical significance of both the interior and exterior of the building. They agreed to schedule a brief workshop before the next meeting to visually inspect the property. The Commission informed Williams of next steps, including scheduling a public hearing and submitting a land use application. They set a date of May 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM to meet at the property for a workshop prior to their regular meeting.

**Motion: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to move forward with the application for Down Valley Brewing Historical Designation of 589 W. Main St. Commissioner Richard Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Discussion update on Highland Cemetery Historic Designation**

Commissioner Parks said he began state designation rather than local designation for the Highland Cemetery. He confirmed with History Colorado Lindsey Flewelling that the process for local designation would be like the Ambleside School designation, involving a write-up about the cemetery's layout, historic elements, and location. Commissioner Parks apologized for not having made more progress but explained he now had resources from

the Ambleside School application and a cemetery application for the state to use as references. He requested assistance in contacting Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller for more information and expressed interest in meeting with Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk Michelle Huster to review questions about the cemetery's history and layout. The Commission discussed potential sources of historical information, including Steve Rippy's Highland Cemetery Facebook page and Mike Miller, the cemetery caretaker.

**Consider Purchasing a Gift Card to thank Joseph Gamble for Assisting with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Videography Project**

The Commission agreed to purchase a gift card for Joseph Gamble as a thank you for his assistance with the HPC videography project. Vice Chair Ruth Fletcher volunteered to mail the gift card with a thank you note.

**MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to purchase a gift card for Joseph Gamble. Commissioner Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Consider Approval of March 17, 2025, Minutes**

**MOTION: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2025. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Hazelton thanked the Commission for his time serving and offered to volunteer in the future. Commissioner Richard Fletcher expressed excitement about the designation of the Down Valley Brewing, noting its significance as an operational station in the past and praising the current owners' commitment to historical preservation. Chair Riddile suggested adding an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss potential candidates for future historical interviews. Chair Riddile proposed Jim Shrull as an interviewee.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mari Riddile, Chair

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Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Michelle Huster