

**New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, March 17, 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 Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller
Absent	

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

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to move Item A to later in the meeting anticipating Down Valley Brewery's Applicant.

Items for Consideration

Commission Discussion: Discussion of the Next Videography Project Involving Colorado Mountain College. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher provided an update on the videography project featuring Joe and Lorraine McNeal, which was shown at the New Castle Founders Day celebration. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher mentioned that the video was available in digital link format and Art and Events Director, Kelley Cox, suggested getting it on a more permanent medium. Professional Assistant Huster confirmed that she would assist with this.

The commission discussed potential subjects for the next videography project. Chair Riddile identified Steve Rippy as a primary candidate, noting his previous Founder's Day presentation. The commission also discussed alternative options, including the Jolley family and the Riddens, a cattle ranching family known for raising one hundred foster children. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher agreed to follow up with Joseph Gamble from Colorado Mountain College regarding the availability of professors to work on the project.

Discussion of Highland Cemetery Designation

Commissioner Parks shared his research on History Colorado's website and the application process for historic designation of Highland Cemetery. He noted that the application is approximately seventeen pages long and includes detailed guidelines. Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller was identified as a potential resource with experience with past designations. Commissioner Parks and Alternate Commissioner Fuller agreed to work together on the application. The commission also noted that History Colorado Lindsey Flewelling had offered to help with the application process.

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion table item A until April 20, 2025, meeting when Down Valley Brewing's representative would be in attendance. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of November 18, 2024, Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2024. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners inquired about the green bridge project on Highway 6. Commissioner Hazelton reported that the project was progressing, with surveying work ongoing and arrangements made for CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) to use New Castle's property as a staging area. Commissioner Hazelton mentioned that the expected start date was in the fall, with plans to slide the old bridge down to use as a temporary bridge while constructing the new one.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk
Michelle Huster


Mari Riddile, Chair

