

New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024, 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Chair Mari Riddile Commissioner Richard Parks Commissioner Ruth Fletcher Commissioner Richard Fletcher Commissioner Brandy Copeland Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller
Absent	

Also present at the meeting was Deputy Town Clerk, Remi Bordelon and Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk, Michelle Huster.

Meeting Notice

Professional Assistant 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

There were no agenda changes.

Items for Consideration

Oaths of Office: Commissioner Mari Riddile and Commissioner Richard Fletcher

Professional Assistant Huster swore in the reappointed Commissioners Mari Riddile and Richard Fletcher.

Consider Appointing Commission Chair

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to continue as the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Chair. Commissioner Hazleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commission Discussion of Open House and Historic Designation

Chair Riddile felt encouraged by the Open House but had stated there was room to grow by stating the intent. Commissioner Parks was encouraged that the attendees shared the information from the open house with other residents that did not attend. Commissioner Parks felt success because people asked questions and gained resources. Chair Riddile asked the commission to consider another open house at a future date. Commissioner Parks suggested reapplying for a Historical District Designation by starting with a smaller section of Main Street. Chair Riddile had a conversation with Dave Reynolds about designating Highland Cemetery as a Historical site. Commissioner Parks spoke to Lindsay Flewelling from History Colorado about proposing a Webinar with other towns in the area. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher suggested participating in the Four Rivers Heritage Alliance. Commissioner Hazleton suggested Walking Tours for an open house.

Items for Future HPC Agenda

The commission wanted to consider discussing historical designation with other towns like Silt, Rifle and New Castle. Commissioner Parks recommended Professional Assistant Huster contact Flewelling from History Colorado for a timeline. Professional Assistant Huster agreed.

Commissioner Richard Fletcher asked about the Historic Designation of the New Castle Cemetery. Chair Riddile spoke to Town Administrator, Dave Reynolds who was looking into the possibility.

Commission Review of Counsel's Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month.

Chair Riddile read the proclamation to the commission and expressed gratitude to the Town Council.

Consider Participating in Town Sponsored Ice Cream Social

The Town of New Castle is hosting an Ice cream Social on Friday July 12th. Commissioner Richard Fletcher mentioned that it was a good way for the public to speak to HPC and learn what it was about. He wanted to set up a table with information and posters telling the public what HPC does.

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion for HPC to participate in the Town Ice Cream Social on July 12, 2024. Richard Parks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of April 8, 2024, Minutes

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2024. Commissioner Richard Parks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Richard Parks asked a question about Historical Designations. A resident asked if they were allowed to install Solar on Historically designated buildings. Chair Riddile stated that was a question for History of Colorado's Lindsey Flewelling. Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller volunteered to research the use of Solar on historical buildings.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Riddile, Chair

Michelle Huster, Professional Assistant