

**New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Chair Mari Riddile Commissioner Richard Parks Commissioner Ruth Fletcher Commissioner Richard Fletcher
Absent	Commissioner Brandy Copeland 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 Paint Colors for Historically Designated Mattivi Building at 298 W. Main St.

Edgar Cuc, the owner of the historically designated Mattivi building at 298 W. Main Street asked the Historic Designation Commission to approve paint color. Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk Michelle Huster explained that historically, the building had white walls with red trim. The owners proposed changing to beige walls with black trim and showed the commissioners sample colors painted on a board. Professional Assistant Huster said according to the town code, any building historically designated needed to have any color changes approved by HPC.

Commissioner Richard Fletcher said the color choices Mr. Cuc brought in looked good, Commissioner Ruth Fletcher said the colors were classy. The commission reviewed the colors and said it was an improvement from the red and white.

Motion: Chair Riddile made a motion to approve new paint colors for the Mattivi building at 298 W. Main St. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider HPC Sponsorship of Down Valley Brewing for State Historical Fund Grants

Haley Williams from Down Valley Brewing requested for the town to sponsorship for a grant application from the state historic fund. She explained that as a private business owner, she needed a municipality to apply on their behalf. Ms. Williams said that she would be seeking a non-competitive grant under \$10,000, which would require a 50% match from her business. If approved, the grant money would be filtered through the town to Down Valley Brewing.

Commissioner Ruth Fletcher asked if Down Valley Brewing was looking for financial support and Ms. Williams said they were not. Chair Riddile and other commissioners expressed support for the application, noting that Ms. Williams said she will complete the necessary paperwork herself, with the town simply serving as the required governmental entity for the application.

Motion: Commissioner Richard Fletcher made a motion to support Down Valley Brewery's application for sponsorship for the State Historical Fund. Vice Chair Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consider Dates and Details for Down Valley Brewing Designation Plaque Celebration

HPC wanted to plan a ceremony at 589 W. Main Street that congratulated Down Valley Brewing and the Texaco building on the recent historic designation..

The commission agreed on September 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Professional Assistant Huster said she spoke with Katherine Tomanac from Post Independent about writing an article. Professional Assistant Huster suggested having the article published before the celebration to boost attendance.

Chair Riddile asked Professional Assistant Huster to inform Town Council about the event, add it to the town's events calendar, and include it in the e-newsletter.

Motion: Chair Ruth Fletcher made a motion to approve the date and details for the Down Valley Brewing designation plaque celebration. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of CLG Audit

Professional Assistant Huster presented the CLG (Certified Local Government) audit report incomplete, so commissioners had input. Professional Assistant Huster said she needed commissioners' responses on three specific questions related to accomplishments, problems, and planned activities.

Commissioner Parks said the accomplishment he was most proud of was the designation of the Texaco Building at 589 W. Main Steet. The commission was also excited over the videography project that was shown during Founders Day in February of 2025.

Commissioner Ruth Fletcher said the biggest challenge for the commission was getting town residents to see the potential benefits of historic designation.

The commission said they were looking forward to continuing the videography project with aging town residents. Commissioner Parks suggested reapplying for a historic main street designation by downsizing the area to include those already designated then working outward to more addresses. They were looking forward to celebrating the plaque designation at 589 W. Main St.

Motion: Vice Chair Ruth Fletcher made a motion to approve the CLG audit report. Commissioner Richard Fletcher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

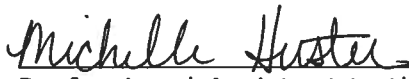
MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2025. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk
Michelle Huster


Mari Riddile, Chair

