

New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting
PMonday, June 10, 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 Grady Hazleton
 Commissioner Ruth Fletcher
 Commissioner Richard Fletcher

Absent Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator, David Reynolds, 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

Commission Discussion with Town Administrator About Designating Highland Cemetery

Town Administrator Dave Reynolds spoke to the commission about designating Highland Cemetery as a historic landmark after he spoke with History Colorado's Lindsey Flewelling. Administrator Reynolds outlined the pros and cons of designating the town's cemetery and compared Highland Cemetery to other designated cemeteries in Colorado. Administrator Reynolds also brought a copy of the City of Golden's Cemetery application for national designation to show the process of historical designation for a cemetery. History Colorado's Flewelling's opinion is that there are more pros to designation than cons.

Administrator Reynolds said, one of the pros, according to History of Colorado Flewelling, designation of the cemetery would show the public how important the cemetery is to the town and its history. According to History Colorado's Flewelling, it would help the Historic

Preservation Commission's (HPC) goal of designating more properties in town. History Colorado's Flewelling told Administrator Reynolds that when the town designated something, it set a good example for others, as well as the property owners that are unsure about historical designation.

Administrator Reynolds said designation could open the HPC for grant opportunities such as studies and new signage. Visitors traveling through often stop at historic places and new signage would guide visitors and inform them about New Castle's history. Administrator Reynolds stated that currently there is little historical information and signage in Highland Cemetery.

Administrator Reynolds said after speaking with History Colorado's Flewelling, on con is before designation, council could make any improvements without seeking approval from HPC. Reynolds said that historic designation would add one more step to the process but did not see it as a negative setback. Reynolds said that historic designation could limit major projects like paving the roads, mausoleums, or strict rules, however Administrator Reynolds predicted the town would like to keep it rustic.

Administrator Reynolds shared the application process he discussed with History Colorado's Flewelling. Before applying, the HPC would need to tell the story of Highland Cemetery to Council. Reynolds proposed questions like how they chose the location in 1888, and the location of graves and people historically significant to the town's history. Town Administrator Reynolds suggested commissioners talk to New Castle Historical Society's, Joe McNeal as a resource. Administrator Reynolds asked the HPC to create a presentation to take to the town council over the next several HPC meetings. Chair Riddile said the commission could use a portion of HPC's budget towards researching and designating the cemetery.

Commission Discussion: Final Details for Town Sponsored Ice Cream Social July 12, 2024.

Chair Riddile asked what the rest of the commission would like to do at the Ice Cream Social on July 12, 2024. Commissioner Richard Fletcher said he would like to bring a poster and any handouts he received from History Colorado's Lindsey Flewelling. Professional Assistant Huster will create a sign-in list for residents wanting to know more about historic designation. Administrator Reynolds gave an overview of what to expect for the event.

History Colorado Handouts Regarding Solar Installation on Historic Buildings

Commissioner Richard Parks asked about solar conversions and historical preservation. Professional Assistant Huster said the information History Colorado's Flewelling was in the packet. Administrator Reynolds spoke about HOA's around the country that restrict solar panels and were later challenged for those restrictions. Administrator Reynolds advised the commission to keep this in mind for future designations and check with Lindsey Flewelling before blocking anyone from adding them to a historical designation.

Consider July Meeting 7/8/2024 or 7/22/2024

Commissioner Hazleton stated that HPC could meet July 8, 2024, it was before the Ice Cream Social on July 12, 2024, and the commissioners would finalize details for HPC's booth.

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to hold a HPC Special Meeting on July 8, 2024, at 6:30 instead of July 15, 2024. Commissioner Ruth Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of May 20, 2024, Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Hazleton made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2024. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Chair Riddile spoke about attending the Historical Society's potluck dinner. Commissioner Parks asked about the number of members they had and Chair Riddile did not know but said it was a good turnout.

Commissioner Hazleton spoke about the future replacement of the green bridge on the west side of town. Administrator Reynolds updated the commission on his attempts to purchase the old bridge or use part of it in the new pedestrian bridge. Reynolds concluded the bridge is currently owned by Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the future project is still uncertain.

Items for Future HPC Agenda

The commission will continue to discuss historical designation of Highland Cemetery and how they would like to move forward. The commission also needs to discuss the remaining details for the Ice Cream Social on July 12, 2024.

Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Huster _____
Michelle Huster, Professional Assistant

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Mart Riddile, Chair

