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Agenda

New Castle Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 PM

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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Meeting Notice

Conflicts of Interest

Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda

-Comments are limited to three minutes-

Agenda Changes

Items For Consideration

A. Discuss Highland Cemetery Designation for Council Presentation on December 3, 2024

B. Consider Approval of Commissioner Park's Letter to Council Regarding Designating Highland Cemetery as Historic

C. Consider Approval of October 21, 2024, Minutes

Commissioner Comments

Adjourn

The New Castle Historic Preservation Commission is seeking Council approval to pursue having the Town's Highland Cemetery to be designated as a Historic Site with the State of Colorado and the Town of New Castle.

Beginning with the first documented burial, John Battiste Garbolino, on March 3, 1889 the Town's Cemetery has been the final resting place for early town leaders, prominent residents, settlers, miners, and their families.

The land for the Cemetery was dedicated in 1888, the same year as New Castle was incorporated. Those residing in the Highland Cemetery include those that shaped the town of New Castle, Early Town developers, Civil War Veterans, Pioneers and many of those that lost their lives in the early mine explosions. The people that stayed after the mines shut down, built the community and put down roots and raised their families here. Many of these families are still here and continue to be an influence in the town and its future.

Dave Reynolds performed a search and provided HPC with several examples of small Colorado communities that have established their cemeteries as an Historic Site; including

- Ute Cemetery in Pitkin County (Aspen)
- Golden Cemetery - significant for the exploration and establishment of Golden.
- Evergreen Cemetery - the oldest operating cemetery in Colorado Springs.

There are many other examples throughout the State that can be found online.

Benefit's:

- Demonstrates our commitment to preserving New Castle's history, hopefully inspiring other Historic Properties to seek Historic Designation.
- Does not require the Town to improve or upgrade the Cemetery
- Opens up the possibility for grants or funding that could be used to improve/maintain the property if desired and establishing public outreach such as walking tours, on site cemetery map, etc.

The Historic Preservation Commission does not have any apprehension moving forward pursuing this designation.

Applications are on-line and easily filled out, and Lindsey Flewelling with History Colorado has said she would help us with the application process if needed.

Thank you for the consideration.

**New Castle, Colorado
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Monday, October 21, 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 Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller
Absent	Commissioner Grady Hazelton

Also present at the meeting was: and members of the public

Meeting Notice

Professional Assistant 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

There were no agenda changes.

Items for Consideration

Commission Discussion: 2025 Budget

Chair Riddile said after talking with Town Administrator, David Reynolds, the budget for 2025 is 2,000 dollars for historical designations and 1,500 dollars for administrative needs. Chair Riddile said it is less than the 2024 Budget, however they did not use the allotted amount from 2024 and said the 2025 budget is sufficient.

Consider Approval of September 16, 2024, Minutes

MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Items for Future HPC Agenda

Chair Riddile asked the Commission if they are comfortable with Commissioner Park's draft letter to Town Council about the designation of Highland Cemetery as historic. Professional Assistant, Michelle Huster will schedule a presentation with Town Clerk, Mindy Andis.

Commissioner Comments

Alternate Commissioner Fuller said he will research GIS data anticipating Council will approve moving forward with historic designation of Highland Cemetery.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Riddile, Chair

Michelle Huster, Professional Assistant