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Agenda

New Castle Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, May 19, 2025, 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.** Discussion of Down Valley Brewing Request for Historic Designation
- B.** Update of Highland Cemetery Designation
- C.** Discussion of Future Videography Project Subjects
- D.** Approval of April 21, 2025, Minutes

Commissioner Comments

Adjourn

Town of New Castle
Commission QuickSheet

Historic Preservation Commission

Historic Designation Procedure Summary

HPC Town Code 15.44 (Article 5)	• <u>Summary</u> of Designation Procedure.
Initiation of Procedure 15.44.170	• Contact owner with explanation of becoming historically designated and/or acquire owner's consent of a designation request in written form.
Commission Review 15.44.180 Meeting #1	• Application with owner's consent is submitted to the commission (1st meeting). HPC then decides if they would like to proceed with scheduling a hearing (2nd meeting) to consider designation.
Notice of Hearing 15.44.190	• No less than 30 days prior to the hearing, owner must mail notices to owners within 100' of property and sign Town affidavit. No less than 15 days prior to hearing, Town staff issues a legal notice.
Interim Status 15.44.200	• If a property is under consideration for historic designation and also has a building permit submission, that permit will be deferred no more than 60 days for HPC's final decision on designation.
Hearing 15.44.201 Meeting #2	• At least 4 commissioners must be present to conduct the hearing. Public members may express their opinions with time limits established by HPC. Record of this hearing produced by staff.
Commission Decision 15.44.220 Meeting #2 or #3	• The commission has 25 working days from the hearing to make a decision (motion) with a written resolution signed by the Chair that cannot be appealed. No decision in that time is a rejection.
Town Council Transmittal 15.44.230	• Within 15 days of HPC's decision, copies of the findings, conclusions and written resolution will be sent to Council and the owner of the property. Decision is effective upon transmittal to Council.
Filing with Town Clerk 15.44.240	• Within 15 days of effective date (resolution transmittal to Council), the designation will be made an official record of the Town and with Garfield County.
Final Notification to Owner 15.44.250	• Within 10 days from the official recording of the resolution, a letter will be sent to the property owner outlining designation, obligations, restrictions, etc.
Register of Designation 15.44.260	• The commission shall keep and maintain a register of all historical designations of the Town.
Amendment or Rescission 15.44.270	• Designations may be amended or rescinded in the same manner as the original designation was made with owner(s) consent.
Staff and Assistance 15.44.280	• As may be provided by the town council, the commission and the town council may obtain assistance of competent technical experts in areas necessary to render decisions. The town may require applicants to defray portions or all of the costs for such assistance.

Town Code, Chapter 15.44 - Historic Preservation

Article 2 - Standards for Designation of Sites, Landmarks and Districts for Preservation

15.44.050 - Designation.

A site, landmark or district may be designated pursuant to this chapter for preservation if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

A. Historical Importance. The site, landmark or district has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the town, state or nation; is the site of a historic event with an effect upon society; is identified with a person or group of persons who had some influence on society; or exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historic heritage of the community.

B. Architectural Importance. The site, landmark or district portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural scale; embodies those distinguishing characteristics of an architectural-type specimen; is the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the town or contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

C. Geographic Importance. The site, landmark or district, because of being part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area (i.e., river crossings), should be developed or preserved according to a plan based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif or due to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or town.

D. Inclusion in National Register of Historic Places. Inclusion of any property within the town in the National Register of Historic Places as provided in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 shall be construed as local historic site designation, and subject to the same protections as any local historic site. (Prior code § 15-04-010)

Town Code, Chapter 15.44 - Historic Preservation

Article 4 – Identification of Historic Resources and Properties

15.44.160 - Criteria for identification.

An area or property may be identified as a historic resource or property if it is declared to possess (or to potentially possess) any of the following qualities or characteristics:

A. Has existed for at least fifty (50) years prior to the date of identification;

B. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the town's history;

C. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in the town's past;

D. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, is the work of a master builder, or possesses high artistic value;

E. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history;

F. It exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, or historic heritage of the town;

G. Has relationship to other distinctive areas that are eligible for preservation according to a plan based on a historic, cultural, or architectural motif;

H. Unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the town. (Prior code § 15-08-020) (Ord. No. 2009-12, § 2, 11-17-2009)

Town Code, Chapter 15.44 - Historic Preservation
Article 5 - Designation Procedure

15.44.170 - Initiation of procedure.

Whenever in the opinion of the historic preservation commission, whether based upon its own motion or upon its motion following receipt of a **factually supported written recommendation** presented by any citizen of the town, the planning and zoning commission, or the town council, any site, area, neighborhood, structure, object or property meets the criteria of a historic site, landmark or district, the commission shall contact the owner or owners of such property outlining the reasons and effects of designation and shall attempt to secure the owner's consent to such designation. If the commission is unable to personally contact such owner, it shall be sufficient for the town clerk to send a written request for the consent to designation of such property by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the owner of the property as shown on the most recent records of the county assessor at the address shown on such records. **Individual properties may be designated as a historic site, landmark or district, only with and by written consent of all of the property owners.** (Prior code § 15-10-010)

15.44.180 - Commission review with owner's consent.

If the owner consents in writing to the proposed designation of the property as a historic site, landmark or district, the commission, upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, may adopt an order scheduling a public hearing by the commission on the question of designation, hereinafter called a designation hearing, at a specified time, date and place and directing that the notice of hearing be given as described in [Section 15.44.190](#).

All applications submitted in accordance with this article shall include a description of the property proposed for designation and a detailed outline of the reasons why such property should be designated and why the boundaries of the designation should be determined as described in the application.

No motion or application for designation of a specific historic site, landmark or district may be made more than **once during any six consecutive months, unless ownership changes.** (Prior code § 15-10-020)

15.44.190 - Notice of hearing.

Notice of a designation hearing shall be given as follows:

A. **Written notice** of the time, date, place and subject of the hearing shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing to all owners of record, as are found in the records of the county assessor on the date of the application, who own the real property being proposed for designation as a historic site or historic district, and to the owners of real properties within one hundred (100) feet of the property being proposed for designation. Such notice shall be deemed delivered upon the passage of five days from the deposit of the notice in the U.S. mail system.

B. **A legal notice** indicating the nature of the hearings, the property involved and the time, date and place of the hearing, shall be published one time at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

C. Written notice of the proposed historic designation, including the identification of the property, the basis for commencing with the designation procedure and the time, date, and place of the hearing, may be given to any other individual, office or agency as deemed appropriate by the commission, for information, comments and recommendations prior to the hearing. (Prior code § 15-10-030) (Ord. No. 2016-1, § 2, 5-3-2016)

15.44.200 - Interim status—Permit review.

Any application which has been submitted to the town building department, on or after the date of a motion passed by the commission pursuant to [Section 15.44.170](#), for a building permit for alteration, construction, relocation or demolition of a site or landmark **under consideration for historic designation** or any site, landmark, structure or object within any proposed district under consideration for historic district designation shall be deferred from issuance until final disposition by the commission of the historic designation application unless such alteration, construction, relocation or demolition is deemed necessary under [Section 15.44.340](#) for the public health, welfare or safety. The delay in issuance of a building permit due to the provisions of this section shall not be for more than sixty (60) days. (Prior code § 15-10-040)

15.44.210 - Hearing.

A. At least four members of the historic preservation commission shall conduct the hearing. If at least four members are not present the members present may adjourn the meeting to another date within two weeks. If any hearing is continued, the time, date and place of the continuation shall be established and announced to those present when the current session is to be adjourned. Such information shall be promptly forwarded, by regular mail, to the owners of record as established and addressed pursuant to [Section 15.44.190](#).

B. Reasonable opportunity shall be provided for all interested parties to express their opinions regarding the proposed designation. However, nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent the historic preservation commission from establishing reasonable rules to govern the proceedings of the hearings or from establishing reasonable limits on the length of individual presentations. The hearings shall be recorded, minutes written by staff, and provided to each member of the historic preservation commission. Written presentations shall be included in the record of the hearing. (Prior code § 15-10-050)

15.44.220 - Findings, conclusions and decisions of the commission.

The historic preservation commission shall act officially on each proposed designation within twenty-five (25) working days of the conclusion of the hearing. The commission may approve, reject or approve modifications to any proposal. No decision may deny the owner a reasonable use of his or her property as otherwise allowed by applicable law.

If more than one property is involved in the designation procedure, the historic preservation commission may approve in part and deny in part. Each part shall then be treated as a separate action. In no event may any property be added to the area described in the initial application without instituting a new designation procedure. The findings, conclusions and decision of the commission regarding a designation shall be in the form of a written resolution and shall be final and may not be appealed.

The commission shall set forth in its records the findings of fact and conclusions that constitute the basis for its decision. Each such designating resolution shall include a description of the characteristics or features of the site, landmark or district that should be preserved, and shall include a legal description of the location and boundaries of the site, landmark or district. The property included in any such designation shall be subject to the controls and standards as set forth herein and shall be eligible for such incentive programs as may be developed by the commission. If the commission fails to act within the twenty-five-day period, the designation shall be deemed to have been rejected and the designation procedure of the commission shall thereby be terminated. (Prior code § 15-10-060)

15.44.230 - Transmittal to town council.

Within fifteen (15) days after reaching its decision, the historic preservation commission shall transmit to the town council and the owner of the property for information purposes only, its findings, conclusions and written resolution setting forth its decision on the designation of a historic site, landmark or district, including the description of the property involved and the findings upon which the resolution was based. The decision shall be effective upon transmittal by the commission to the council. (Prior code § 15-10-070)

15.44.240 - Filing with town clerk.

Within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of a resolution designating property as a historic site, landmark or district, it shall be entered by the town clerk into the official records of the town and into the real estate records of the Garfield County clerk and recorder as either:

- A. A certified copy of the resolution designating the specified property as a historic site, landmark or district; and listing the individual properties included therein;
- B. A notice stating that the specified property has been designated as a historic site, landmark or district and citing the historic preservation commission's resolution and the effective date thereof. The notice may also contain a brief summary of the effects of such designation as set forth in this chapter. (Prior code § 15-10-080)

15.44.250 - Final notification to owner.

Within ten (10) days after the recording of the resolution designating property as a historic site, landmark or district, the town administrator/clerk shall send to the owner of each property so designated by registered or certified mail a letter outlining the reasons for such designation and the obligations and restrictions created by such designation. Such letter shall also contain a request that the owner or his or her successors or assigns notify the town administrator/clerk prior to:

A. Preparation of plans for the reconstruction or alteration of the exterior of improvements located on such property;

B. Preparation of plans for the construction, alteration, relocation or demolition of improvements on such property. (Prior code § 15-10-090)

15.44.260 - Register of designated historic sites, landmarks and districts established.

The commission shall establish and maintain an official register of historic sites, landmarks and districts designated by the commission as worthy of preservation or restoration pursuant to this article. Such register shall include the location, owner, description and historic significance of the resource. Such register may have information added, corrected, revised or deleted from time to time as shall be determined by the commission. (Prior code § 15-10-100)

15.44.270 - Amendment or rescission of designation.

A historic site, landmark or district designation may be amended or rescinded in the same manner as the original designation was made with owner(s) consent. (Prior code § 15-10-110)

15.44.280 - Additional staff and assistance.

As may be provided by the town council, the commission and the town council may obtain assistance of competent technical experts in areas necessary to render decisions. The town may require applicants to defray portions or all of the costs for such assistance. (Prior code § 15-10-120)

New Castle's Historic Preservation Commission requests approval of Historic Designation for the Highland Cemetery located at 1009 Clubhouse Drive (where Cemetery Road connects to Clubhouse Drive). It has been identified as a historic site in New Castle and qualifies for a Historic Designation possessing the following qualities or characteristics listed below.



Setting:

New Castles original and only Cemetery, Highland Cemetery, sits at the end of Clubhouse Drive overlooking the Town with one of the best views of the Grand Hogback and area around. It is 10.51 acres and sits on the hogback high above Main Street approximately 1 mile north. Bordered by Lakota Golf Course, Club House Drive and undeveloped Lakota Golf Properties.



General Description and Characteristics representing an established and familiar visual feature within the Town:

The earliest burial in the cemetery is from 1889. Among the earliest burials in the cemetery were Civil War Veterans who settled in New Castle after the Civil War. It's location, along the hogback ridge is laid out in formal blocks with 10 north-south roads and 4 east-west roads. It has a Solders Circle with a red concrete point star with the in insignias of the 5 branches of the military and a US Flag. **Do we know the first? Are only military buried in the circle?**



Grave enclosures and monuments are in a variety of styles, depending on what the families chose at time. The grave markers are a variety of granite, marble, wood, welded steel, concrete and many other variations. There are no mausoleums or tombs. Many sites are large family sites with husbands, wives, children, brothers and sisters.



Shed and Original Sign:

There is a caretakers shed and the original Cemetery Sign that was at the entrance to the Cemetery, stands just North of the Shed. The caretaker maintains the cleanliness and integrity of the cemetery. The landscape is maintained twice a year. Also, there are volunteer cleanup throughout the year.



Do we need anything else here? When was the original sign replaced? Who made the original sign? Caretakers over the years?

Historic Significance:

It has existed for over 50 years.

The Highland Cemetery was designated in 1888, the same year that New Castle was incorporated. The earliest recorded burials are from 1889. The cemetery is an operational cemetery and still accepts burials in a non-historic (for now) portion of the Cemetery.



First person interred. Growth per year (some more than others)? Other info?

Is associated with events that have made significant contribution to the Town's history:

Among those interred are early settlers of New Castle and the surrounding area, Town politicians and business owners and leaders, at least 177 miners from the five operational mines in the late 1800's, the Coryell, Vulcan, Keystone, B&M and Consolidated Mines.

Many of the early miners, their families and victims of the mine explosions and their family members that stayed calling New Castle their home are buried in the cemetery. They represent an important part of the early development and growth of New Castle. (elaborate)



Is associated with the lives of persons significant to the Town's past and yields information important to the history of the Town:

1883 Jasper Ward, who had been operating a freight business with his brothers in Leadville, brought his wife Annie and daughter Netti to Carbonate, the original Garfield County seat on the Flat Tops. Carbonate was abandoned when the Flat Tops winters became unendurable, and the Wards made their way to the Colorado River Valley. Ward claimed a homestead site at the confluence of Elk Creek and the Colorado River, becoming the first white settler to build a home in New Castle in 1883.





Ellen Ganley 1865-1968 was the first bride married in New Castle. She was also a midwife in the town. Merrit Vandeventer 1864-1919 was the first Mayor and Postmaster of New Castle.



1910 Billy Griffith was a former Town Marshal, a popular baseball player and a saloon owner. On November 9, 1910 he was convicted in court of assault, unfairly he believed. The next day, November 10, he accosted Frank Sample, one of the people who had testified against him, on Main Street. Town Marshall John Rennix came to the rescue, and Sample was able to escape. Griffith had two pistols out, and he shot Rennix in the stomach. Rennix was able to get off a couple shots before collapsing, and he managed to wound Griffith. All this happened in front of the Trimble building, and Griffith ran inside and up to the second floor. Meanwhile William Davis and Town Councilor Hugh Miller had rushed to Marshall Rennix to try to help. Griffith started firing from a second-floor window, and hit Davis in the head, killing him. A posse of nearly 40 men arrived from Glenwood Springs and fired into the building. No one, however, dared to enter the building until Griffith's girlfriend, Lelia McMichael, volunteered. Inside she discovered that Griffith had turned his gun on himself and shot himself in the head. Rennix died the next day at the sanitarium in Glenwood Springs. Griffith, Rennix and Davis are all buried in Highland Cemetery. John's wife, Lieuevernia May lies next to him, having pasted 9 years before John's death.



Kathryn Senor 1914-1993 was a beloved teacher at New Castle School, as well as Rifle High School and Riverside school. Kathryn Senor Elementary School is named after her.



Joshepine Rolletto 1870-1956 was an Italian can-can dancer that grew flowers on New Castle's main Street. Next to her lies her sons Leo and Joseph.

Others we should list?

It represents the distinctive characteristics of a period of time spanning over 100 years.

Did we already do this above?



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**HISTORICAL DESIGNATION
 APPLICATION**

Note: All land use applications must be filed with the Town Clerk. Please consult the Town Planner for codes specific to the Land Development Application. All application materials are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), C.R.S. §24-72-201 to 207.

Applicant: New Castle Historical Preservation Commission	
Address: 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	Phone: E-mail: maririddile@gmail.com
Property Owner: Town of New Castle	
Address: 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	Phone: E-mail: mhuster@newcastlecolorado.org
Contact Person: Mari Riddile	
Address: 450 W Main Street, New Castle Co 81647	Phone: E-mail: maririddil`e@gmail.com
Property Location/Address: 1009 Clubhouse Drive, New Castle, Co. 81647	
Legal Description: Section: 29 Township: 5 Range: 90 PT SENW. ALSO A TR OF LAND CONT. 1.07AC +/- AS DESC IN BK 1211 PG 613. ALSO A TR OF LAND CONT 2.452 AC.+/- AS DESC IN 1425/192.	Acres: 10.512
Existing Zone (e.g., Residential R-1, Commercial C-1): None-Cemetery	Existing Land Use: Cemetery

TYPE(S) OF LAND USE(S) REQUESTED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Annexation Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision (including Minor and Major Subdivisions, Lot Splits, Sketch Plans, Subdivision Preliminary Plans, Subdivision Final Plans, & Condominiumizations)
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Plat
<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development (including PUD Sketch Plans, Preliminary PUD Development Plans, PUD Master Plans and Final PUD Development Plans)
<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use Permit or Special Review Use Permit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Designation
<input type="checkbox"/> Site Specific Development Plan/Vested Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Variance
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Re-zoning
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> |
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Applicant Signature	Date
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1 **New Castle, Colorado**
2 **Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**
3 **Monday, April 21, 2025, 6:30 PM**

4 **Call to Order**

5 Commission Chair Mari Riddile called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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7 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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9 **Roll Call**

10 Present Chair Mari Riddile
11 Commissioner Richard Parks
12 Commissioner Ruth Fletcher
13 Commissioner Richard Fletcher
14 Commissioner Grady Hazelton

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16 Absent Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller

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18 **Meeting Notice**

19 Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk, Michelle Huster verified that her office gave
20 notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2024-1.

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22 **Conflicts of Interest**

23 There were no conflicts of interest.

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25 **Citizen Comments on Items NOT on the Agenda**

26 There were no citizen comments.

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28 **Agenda Changes**

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30 **Items for Consideration**

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32 **Consider Historical Designation of Down Valley Brewing at 589 W. Main St.**

33 Haley Williams, owner of Down Valley Brewing (formerly Colorado Drifters), presented her
34 initial request for historical designation of the Texaco building at 589 W. Main St. Owner
35 Williams expressed her desire to preserve the building's integrity and honor its history in
36 the community and apply for a state designation. Commissioners discussed the historical
37 significance of both the interior and exterior of the building. They agreed to schedule a
38 brief workshop before the next meeting to visually inspect the property. The Commission
39 informed Williams of next steps, including scheduling a public hearing and submitting a
40 land use application. They set a date of May 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM to meet at the property
41 for a workshop prior to their regular meeting.

42 **Motion: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to move forward with the**
43 **application for Down Valley Brewing Historical Designation of 589 W. Main St.**
44 **Commissioner Richard Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

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46 **Discussion update on Highland Cemetery Historic Designation**

47 Commissioner Parks said he began state designation rather than local designation for the
48 Highland Cemetery. He confirmed with History Colorado Lindsey Flewelling that the
49 process for local designation would be like the Ambleside School designation, involving a
50 write-up about the cemetery's layout, historic elements, and location. Commissioner Parks
51 apologized for not having made more progress but explained he now had resources from

1 the Ambleside School application and a cemetery application for the state to use as
2 references. He requested assistance in contacting Alternate Commissioner Tom Fuller for
3 more information and expressed interest in meeting with Professional Assistant to the
4 Town Clerk Michelle Huster to review questions about the cemetery's history and layout.
5 The Commission discussed potential sources of historical information, including Steve
6 Rippy's Highland Cemetery Facebook page and Mike Miller, the cemetery caretaker.

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8 **Consider Purchasing a Gift Card to thank Joseph Gamble for Assisting with the
9 Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Videography Project**

10 The Commission agreed to purchase a gift card for Joseph Gamble as a thank you for his
11 assistance with the HPC videography project. Vice Chair Ruth Fletcher volunteered to mail
12 the gift card with a thank you note.

13 **MOTION: Chair Riddile made a motion to purchase a gift card for Joseph Gamble.
14 Commissioner Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**

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16 **Consider Approval of March 17, 2025, Minutes**

17 **MOTION: Commissioner Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes from
18 March 17, 2025. Commissioner Parks seconded the motion, and it passed
19 unanimously.**

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21 **Commissioner Comments**

22 Commissioner Hazelton thanked the Commission for his time serving and offered to
23 volunteer in the future. Commissioner Richard Fletcher expressed excitement about the
24 designation of the Down Valley Brewing, noting its significance as an operational station in
25 the past and praising the current owners' commitment to historical preservation. Chair
26 Riddile suggested adding an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss potential
27 candidates for future historical interviews. Chair Riddile proposed Jim Shrull as an
28 interviewee.

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30 **Adjourn**

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

33 The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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38 Respectfully submitted,

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41 _____
42 Mari Riddile, Chair

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44 Professional Assistant to the Town Clerk
Michelle Huster